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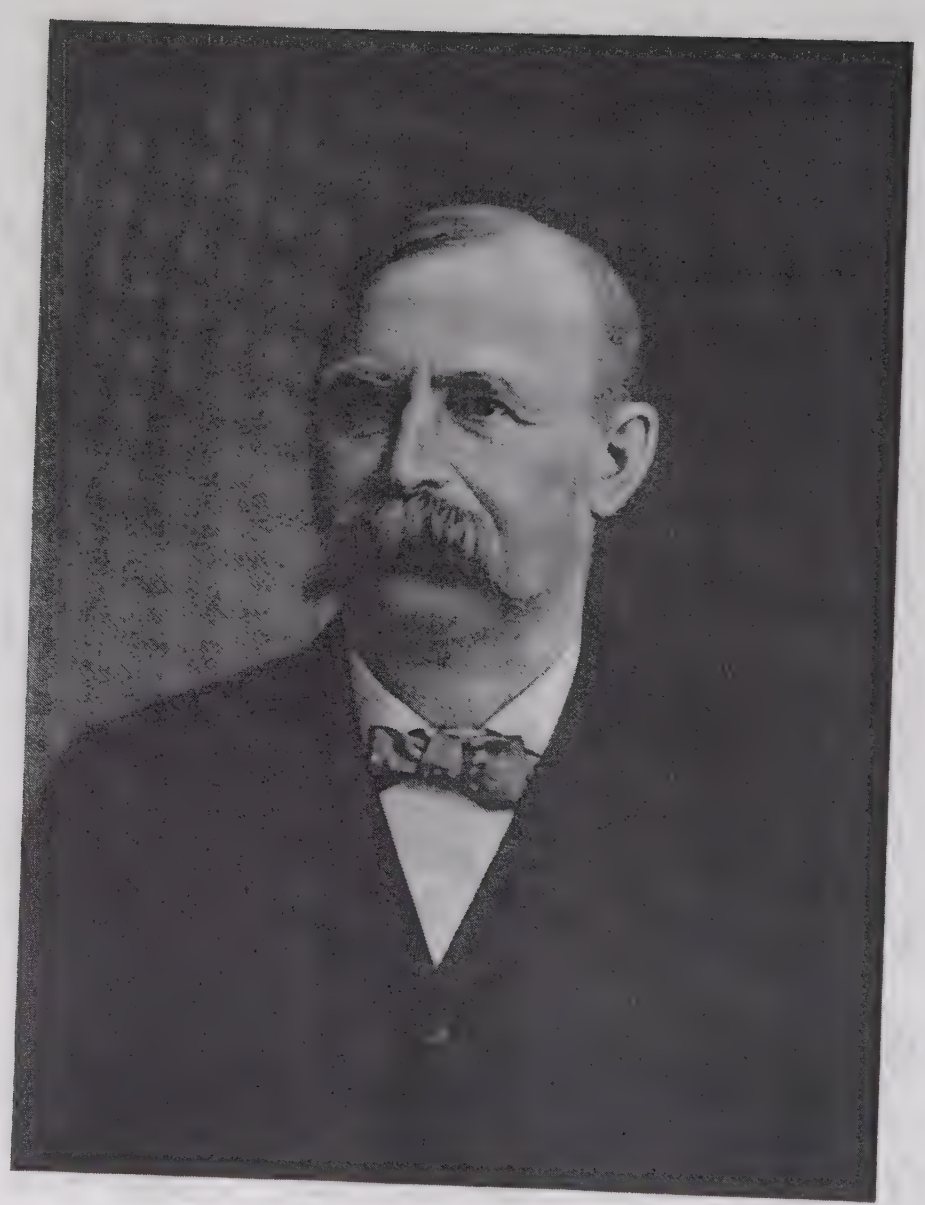


J. F. Beyer.

History of Kosciusko County

JOHN FREDERICK BEYER. Kosciusko County could claim no better citizen and one of more distinctive achievements during the past thirty-eight years than John Frederick Beyer of Warsaw. It was Mr. Beyer who was the primary factor in establishing one of the largest provision packing and commission firms in Northern Indiana, and as this concern is still in operation in Warsaw, there need be no further reminder of his connection with that widely known commercial enterprise. However, Mr. Beyer has made more than a commercial success, and has been one of the vital energizers and upbuilders in the county and the City of Warsaw.

A native of Germany, he was born in the Kingdom of Hesse Cassel, now a part of Prussia, October 17, 1850. He was one of a family of five sons, whose parents were August and Mary (Eckhart) Beyer. His father died when his youngest child was three months old, and the widow subsequently married George Pfeifer, by whom she had four more children.

Of the five sons, J. Frederick Beyer was the second. His older brother is still living on a farm in Germany. Reared in an attractive section of rural Germany, after leaving the common or volk schools he served a thorough five years' apprenticeship in the blacksmith's trade. In 1869, at the age of nineteen, he came to America to visit relatives. The steamer "Donau" on which he made the passage was twelve days in crossing the Atlantic. In his company was his brother Albert. He first went to Goshen, Indiana, where his relatives were living, and remained there seven years, a part of the time working at his trade. However, it was while at Goshen that he laid the foundation for his highly prosperous business career. He began on a small scale and with hardly any capital, to collect and handle butter and eggs, which he gathered up from local producers and shipped to outside markets. This was the germ of the present wholesale packing business of Beyer Brothers, with three main offices at Warsaw, Kendallville and Rochester, and with commission houses in New York City, Boston and Providence, Rhode Island, besides numerous branch establishments throughout the country. It would be interesting if space permitted to give a detailed history of the growth

of this industry. It was started by Mr. Beyer with a capital of only about $5,000 and with two wagons. It is now an incorporated company under the title Beyer Brothers Company, has a vast capital employed, and its equipment includes hundreds of wagons and automobile trucks, and an independent refrigerator line. In the course of time two more brothers, Christian C. and J. Edward, came to this country and threw in their energies with the business.

It was in February, 1877, that Mr. Beyer came to Warsaw and extended his business to this town. In the early days he had many difficulties to surmount, but by hard work, good business management and indomitable energy succeeded beyond his most sanguine expectations. Gradually, however, he withdrew from the active management of the packing business. It was not a retirement from business altogether, since in the meantime he conceived the idea of establishing an educational and pleasure park at Winona Lake. Toward that end he acquired extensive tracts of land along the eastern shore of the lake, and then in 1888, with his brothers, founded Spring Fountain Park. Their first enterprise there was a creamery, and they also built a hotel. After a few years, in 1895, Spring Fountain Park was sold to the Winona Assembly and has ever since been the beautiful grounds of what is probably the most noted and best attended chautauqua assembly in the country. Though he sold the property, Mr. Beyer was asked to remain as superintendent of the grounds. He has ever since been actively identified with the assembly, and much credit is due him for the splendid condition of the park and facilities with which thousands and thousands of people become acquainted every year. In a hardly less important manner Mr. Beyer has been a prominent factor in the making of modern Warsaw. He has been a liberal contributor to all worthy enterprises. Coming to America with but little means at his command, unacquainted with the language and customs of the people, he has been wonderfully prosperous, but better still has acquired an honest name and commands universal respect.

In politics he is a republican, though he has never aspired for political office. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. On December 15, 1877, he married Miss Anna M. Miller, daughter of Jacob Miller, who was born in Pennsylvania and spent many years of his career in Elkhart County, Indiana. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Beyer are: Mae E., Carl F. and Harold R. Mr. and Mrs. Beyer are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In later years Mr. Beyer has devoted much of his attention to farming and stock raising, and is one of the most extensive cultivators of crops and general agricultural enterprise in this section of Indiana. He owns about 500 acres, comprising a splendid country estate near Warsaw, where he spends most of his time, and he also operates about 700 other acres, largely in Kosciusko County.

James A. Cook. One of the first of the hardy pioneers to settle in what is now Kosciusko County was John Cook, who became widely

known as a local preacher and exhorter of the Methodist Church, and whose descendants have borne a prominent part in the development and all the subsequent history of Kosciusko County. Before churches were built here John Cook preached in the cabins of the early settlers, in the open at camp meetings, in the isolated school house and wherever two or three came together for religious worship. His familiar figure, traveling about on horseback, was a welcome sight to the lonely settler. With his wife, whose maiden name was Ann Houston, John Cook settled in what is now Plain Township in 1834, when Kosciusko was still a part of Elkhart County. He then took up what was known as a "floater's claim" which, owing to uncertainty as to boundary lines, ultimately proved to have been previously settled upon. In this way he lost the claim and the round log cabin he had erected thereon, and then moved into the wilds of what is now Wayne Township, that being before Warsaw was platted as a town. He lived in Wayne the rest of his days, and because of his many admirable traits of character was universally esteemed.

In the second generation of the Cook family's residence in Kosciusko County was John W. Cook, a son of John and Ann (Houston) Cook. John W. was born in Ohio, and was quite young when he came with his parents to Kosciusko County in 1834. He had much to do with those things which help make pioneer history. He was the first man appointed to the office of constable in Kosciusko County after it was organized. He assisted in making the shingles that served for a roof on the first frame house built in Warsaw. Like his father he was prominently identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and did much to keep up religious worship in a new country. He was a member of the first jury empanneled in the county, and he assisted in blazing the road to Rochester through swamps and around hills. He was a strong man in a community which especially needed strong men. He was a thorough Christian and a man who made his deeds conform to his beliefs. He gave liberally of his substance, aided many less prosperous than himself, and was the type of early settler whose character should be longest remembered by those who came afterward. John W. Cook married Ann Pettinger. Eight of his children were reared to mature years: Nicholas P., James A., Stephen N., Allen T., Henry, Mary D., Peter S. and William F. Peter and William were ministers of the Methodist Church and did pioneer missionary labors in Dakota Territory.

James Asbury Cook, at the time of his death perhaps the oldest representative of the Cook family living in Kosciusko County, was born when Kosciusko County was still a wilderness. He was born on his father's farm September 22, 1843, a son of John W. and Ann (Pettinger) Cook. As a boy he had the advantages of the country schools and for several terms taught school in the winter terms. His children and descendants will always be proud of the fact that he served as a soldier in the Civil war. He enlisted in February, 1864, as a member of Company A, Seventy-Fourth Indiana Infantry. That regiment bore its full share of campaigning in the march and siege of Atlanta, but just before the battle of Resaca in that campaign he was taken

ill and sent to a hospital. He subsequently rejoined the regiment, was with Sherman in his triumphant movements through Georgia and up through the Carolinas, and after participating in the grand review at Washington was honorably discharged in July, 1865. During the last few weeks of his service he was a member of the Twenty-Second Indiana Infantry.

After the war Mr. Cook applied himself to the business of farming in Harrison Township. He was also active in that locality as a citizen, served in the office of constable, and in the spring of 1866 was elected assessor of Harrison Township for four years. He continued his career as a farmer until 1897, and then lived in Warsaw for a time, went back to his farm and managed it several years longer, but from 1902 was a permanent resident of the county seat. For a number of years Mr. Cook served as ditch viewer, and in that connection had much to do with county improvement. He served his second term as a member of the Warsaw city council. In politics he was a republican, was active in the Methodist Episcopal Church and affiliated with Kosciusko Post No. 114, Grand Army of the Republic. On September 6, 1868, only a few years after he returned from the war, Mr. Cook married Mary J. Huffer, daughter of Joseph Huffer. Five children were born to their marriage: John W., Jacob E., Anna B., Joseph M. and Matilda J. Two of these children, John W. and Joseph Merlin, are now deceased. Jacob E. is a stock buyer and farmer in Harrison Township. Anna B. is a deaconess in the Methodist Episcopal Church and for the past fifteen years has resided at Dubuque, Iowa. Matilda J. married Edward Levi, and they reside in Warsaw.

The mother of these children died June 5, 1883. In March, 1884, Mr. Cook married Mrs. Mary C. (Harter) Lehman, daughter of Mathias Harter and widow of Benjamin F. Lehman, reference to both of whom is made in subsequent sketches. Mr. Cook died on May 12, 1916.

Mathias Harter, the father of Mrs. James A. Cook of Warsaw, was a prominent old settler in Kosciusko County. He was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1808, son of Christian and Elizabeth Harter, and during his youth and early manhood he lived successively in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio and Indiana. He was a blacksmith by trade. In 1833 he united with the United Brethren Church, and was one of its most earnest supporters wherever he lived. It was due to exposure while working on the camp meeting grounds at Warsaw that he was taken with the illness which brought about his death on September 17, 1886.

In December, 1831, Mathias Harter married Mary Easterly. She was born November 27, 1812, in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Lawrence and Catherine Easterly. She was sixteen years of age when the family moved to Richland County, Ohio. Several years after their marriage Mathias Harter and wife came to Kosciusko County, and for many years he was one of the prominent residents of Harrison Township. His home was in section 15, west of Warsaw, and he developed a large and valuable farm in that locality. He and his wife were the

parents of eight children, and those who reached mature years were George W., Henry, Susan, Mathias, William and Mary C. Four of the sons of Mathias Harter were Union soldiers. One of them, Jonathan, died while in the army at Chattanooga, Tennessee, July 4, 1864. The oldest, George, entered the army in 1862, was advanced from private to second lieutenant, to first lieutenant, and in March, 1864, was made captain in the Seventy-Fourth Indiana Infantry.

Benjamin Franklin Lehman, who spent nearly all his life in Kosciusko County, was a splendid citizen, and his record as a soldier during the Civil war should be especially remembered and made a matter of record in this publication.

He was born in Ohio, a son of John Lehman. The family came to Kosciusko County when Benjamin F. was a boy in his teens, and he grew up in this locality and acquired his education in the public schools. From the schools he graduated into the active work of the farm and continued that vocation until the outbreak of the Civil war. Then, when the country most needed defenders, in July, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company A of the Seventy-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. For a time he was in the instruction camp at Camp Allen at Fort Wayne, and was regularly mustered into service on August 21, 1862. He saw much of the arduous campaigning through Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia, fought at Hoover's Gap, and in the great battle of Chickamauga was wounded in the left leg by a minie ball. He recovered in time to join his regiment immediately after the fall of Atlanta. Thence he marched with Sherman's splendid army to the sea, up through the Carolinas, and the last event of his service was the grand review at Washington. He received an honorable discharge at Indianapolis June 16, 1865.

After the war Mr. Lehman resumed his life as a farmer in Kosciusko County. On March 10, 1872, he married Mary C., daughter of Mathias Harter. To their marriage were born two sons: Herbert C., who is in the railway mail service and has his home in Warsaw, and Edgar E., who is auditor of the Dalton Foundry at Warsaw. Both these sons made records in the Spanish-American war, the former as a private and the latter as sergeant in Company H of the One Hundred and Sixtieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

Benjamin Franklin Lehman died January 5, 1878. His death was hastened by the wounds which he had received in the battle of Chickamauga and he practically laid down his life for the integrity of the Union. He was an active member of the United Brethren Church.

Alpheus B. Ulrey. It indicates to a large degree the esteem in which he is held by his neighbors that Alpheus B. Ulrey was nominated for the office of trustee of Jackson Township in 1918. He has also served as a member of the Township Advisory Board. He is a man of first-class ability and is known among his neighbors as a very successful farmer. The Ulrey home is in section 5 of Jackson Township, two miles south and a mile and a half west of Sidney.

Several branches of the Ulrey family were among the early set-

tlers and have long been well known in this southeastern corner of Kosciusko County. Alpheus B. was born in the township August 18, 1889, a son of Gabriel and Mary A. (Kreider) Ulrey. His father was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, four miles from the City of Dayton, December 26, 1839, and died April 23, 1914. His mother was born in Ohio July 27, 1843, and is still living at the advanced age of seventy-five. The parents were children when their respective parents came to Indiana and located in Kosciusko County, and here they grew up and married May 8, 1862. Gabriel Ulrey was an ordained elder in the Church of the Brethren. His children were: Rosa, born August 23, 1863, wife of A. J. Wertenberger; Anna, born October 10, 1865, wife of Jacob N. Miller; Lizzie, born September 1, 1868, wife of Jacob A. Metzger, of Jackson Township; Alice, born March 19, 1870, wife of Albert Miller, and she died in February, 1903; Mattie, born August 20, 1872, wife of S. N. Hawley, living in California; Asa, born December 4, 1875, a farmer in Jackson Township; Alpheus B.; and Ella, born April 4, 1882; wife of E. P. Tridle, of Sidney.

Alpheus B. Ulrey had as his boyhood environment the old home farm, and he learned the common branches taught in the neighboring district schools. At the age of twenty, on April 12, 1900, he married Miss Cora Ross, who was born in Jackson Township, January 12, 1878, daughter of John and Jane (Stout) Ross. Mrs. Ulrey was educated in the public schools of Jackson Township.

After their marriage they rented the Ross farm for a number of years, but in 1905 moved to their present place of eighty acres, one of the high class and valuable farms of that township.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulrey have six children: Flossie, born March 13, 1902, a graduate of the common schools; Fern, born October 7, 1904, who has also completed the course of the common schools; John A., born December 10, 1907; Irene and Pauline, twins, born April 20, 1911; and Gladys, born August 14, 1914. The family are members of the Church of the Brethren and Mr. Ulrey takes an active part in church affairs and is a deacon. Politically his active part has been played as a republican.

Revra DePuy is one of the men who have helped to make Warsaw an industrial center. He first located in this city in 1896 and founded what is now the DePuy Manufacturing Company, a factory that turns out products that are sold all over the country, employing a number of workmen, and the payroll is one of the important assets of the community.

By birth Mr. DePuy is a Michigan man, having been born in Grand Rapids March 22, 1861. His father, James DePuy, was a lawyer in Grand Rapids, but when the son Revra was still a child he took his family to Canada, where he died. The mother subsequently returned to the United States and lived in Marseilles, Illinois.

Owing to the early death of his father, Revra DePuy came face to face with hard circumstances in his boyhood. He lived in a number of different localities and supported himself by many kinds of

work. He was compelled to fight the battle of life unaided, and his education was largely such as he could pick up by an occasional term in the regular schools and by much reading and study in private. As a boy he worked as a clerk in a drug store, and this led to his taking a course in chemistry in the University of Toronto, from which institution he received his diploma.

On leaving the university he went as a traveling salesman, and it was while making the rounds of his customers that he first came to Warsaw. He came to that city with a purpose. He had conceived the idea and had carefully worked out a plan for manufacturing a fiber splint to take the place of the wooden splints which up to then were almost entirely employed for broken bones. On the basis of this idea, Mr. DePuy began in a very small way his manufacturing industry at Warsaw in 1896. He soon had the business on a profitable basis. In 1901 he responded to some inducement and removed his factory to Niles, Michigan, where he incorporated the company. However, the concern did not prosper there in accordance with his plans and expectations, and in 1904 he returned the business to Warsaw. He has continued with more than an average degree of success. With the progress of time the wood fiber splint, which constituted the basis of his manufacturing enterprise, gave way to wire cloth, and that is now the chief output of the DePuy factory. There are sixteen people employed in the local industry, and six of these are traveling salesmen.

Mr. DePuy is married and is recognized as one of the substantial men of Warsaw and Kosciusko County. He is affiliated with the Masonic Order and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Owen S. Gaskill. Any history of the Village of Burket, which was established thirty-five years ago, must repeat the name of Owen S. Gaskill in connection with nearly all its leading interests and industries. Mr. Gaskill is a pioneer lumberman, having been in the business for over half a century, and in the past has owned several of the mills which at one time gave to Burket its chief industry, lumber manufacture. He is also a banker, practical farmer and stock raiser, and his long life has contained a succession of undertakings, beginning with the struggles of a poor boy and mounting gradually higher until they have become vitally identified with the entire community.

Mr. Gaskill is president of the Bank of Seward, which was organized with a capital stock of $10,000. The other executive officers are Mrs. Ida Huffer, vice president, and H. H. Roberts, cashier. The directors of the bank are Mr. Gaskill, H. H. Roberts, W. S. Howard, George Alexander and Clem Jones, while the finance committee consists of Mr. Gaskill and W. S. Howard. Mr. Gaskill and his son, E. E. Gaskill, are also large stock holders in the State Bank of Warsaw and his son is one of the directors of the bank. The business of lumbering is still carried on under the name Gaskill & Son. Mr. Gaskill and son have about 600 acres of land under their ownership in Kosciusko County.

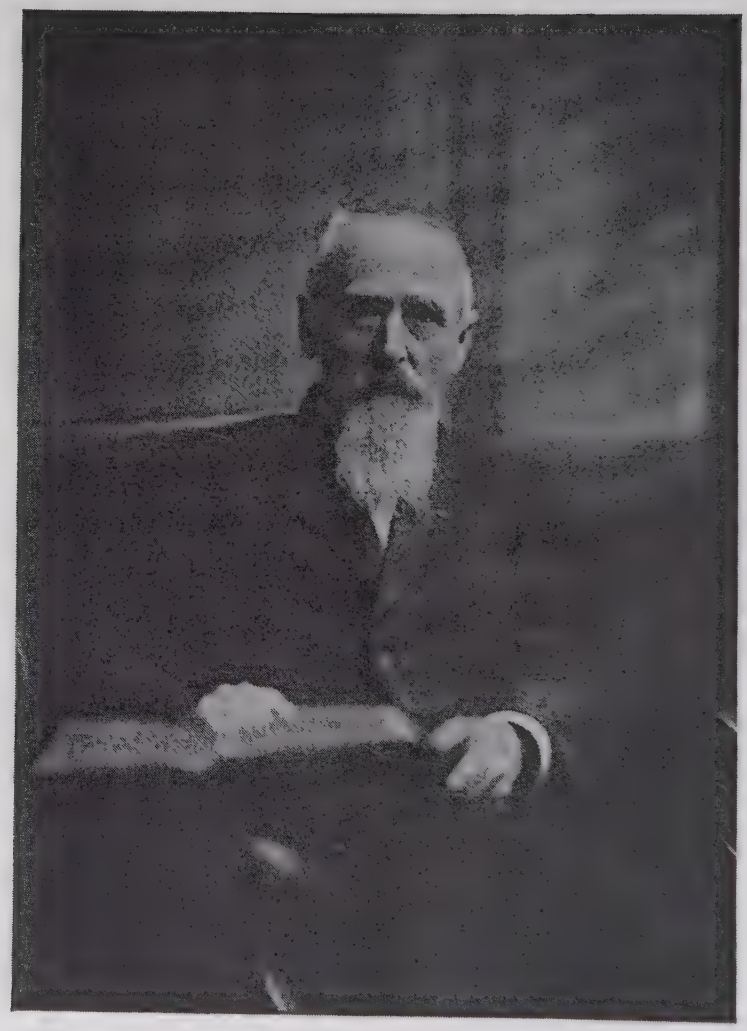
Mr. Gaskill was born in Stark County, Ohio, December 25, 1838, a son of Levi and Nancy A. (Maxwell) Gaskill. His mother was a native of Meadsville, Pennsylvania. At an early age Owen S. Gaskill was thrown on his own resources. A limited attendance at district schools was all the education he was able to secure. For five years he worked from early morning to late at night on a dairy farm. He also had another youthful experience as a laborer in a brick factory. As a youth he was modest, quick in comprehension, thrifty and industrious, and naturally gained the sympathy and earned the assistance of the people around him. While he was attending school at Marlboro, Ohio, a proposal came to him to move to Indiana and teach a term of school. In the fall of 1858, at the age of twenty, he arrived at Bourbon, Indiana, and taught there during the following winter of 1858-59. Altogether he taught four years. After his first term he had no difficulty in securing a school. His first license for two years was renewed for two years more. He invested some of his first earnings in a tract of land and has never been without some practical interests in agriculture and land development.

In 1863 Mr. Gaskill was drafted for service in the army and was with Company C of the Eighty-Third Indiana Infantry until the close of the war. He brought back from the army only $37.50. Returning to Bourbon, he joined his brother, who had come from Ohio in 1860, and built a sawmill near that town. Mr. O. S. Gaskill acquired a half interest in this mill and at the end of two years sold out and realized a cash capital of $3,700. He used $2,700 of this to buy a hardware store at Bourbon. The next ten years were spent in the hardware trade, but despite his best efforts his business failed to prosper. Having lost all his capital, he had to begin all over again. Here again he resorted to farming, buying thirty acres and paying for it out of the proceeds of his labor. Some friends who recognized his sterling honesty and industry supplied him with the capital to get into the lumber business again, and from the stumpage of a tract which he bought he cleared up a good profit and that started him again on the road to prosperity.

In the fall of 1880 Mr. Gaskill came to Burket, which, however, had not yet been established, and acquired a half interest in the sawmill through the backing of Mr. C. L. Morris. In 1881 he moved into the Village of Burket, and has been his home now ever since. As a sawmill man he has cleared off and converted into lumber many tracts in Northeastern Indiana. In 1883 he bought ninety-four acres near Burkett, and that was one among many profitable enterprises.

Mr. Gaskill married Mary J. Collins, who died in 1893, and was the mother of Mr. E. E. Gaskill of Warsaw. For his present wife Mr. Gaskill married Hattie Elliott, of New York.

Mr. Gaskill is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Burket, is affiliated with Bourbon Lodge of Masons and is a former master of the lodge. In politics he is a republican, and has filled positions on the township advisory board.



Andrew G. Wood

ANDREW GEROW WOOD, the dean of the Kosciusko County bar, not long ago celebrated his eightieth birthday anniversary. While there are many men who reach the age of fourscore, comparatively few make these years significant by such experience and achievement as have been the lot of Captain Wood. He earned a captain's commission by service in the Civil War during the dark days of the sixties. For fully half a century he has practiced law at Warsaw. His fellow citizens in Kosciusko County do not need these statements of fact in order to appreciate his sterling character and his value as a citizen. As a matter of permanent record for the future, however, something more concerning his career should be noted here.

He was born at Marysville in Union County, Ohio, January 16, 1835. Dr. Ira Wood, his father, who was of Irish ancestry, was born in New York State, was reared there, read medicine, and in 1821 became one of the early physicians to practice at Canton, Ohio. He was married at Canton to Margaret Hawley. She was the daughter of John Hawley, who was born in Ireland and married in that country at the age of twenty-one. John Hawley lived near Fingal's Cave and was of old strict Presbyterian stock. He immigrated to the United States, lived for a short time near Myers Lake, in Stark County, Ohio, and then moved to the locality of Marysville, Ohio, where his death occurred at the venerable age of eighty-nine years. When that movement in American politics was at its height he was a member of the knownothing party.

In 1826 Dr. Ira Wood and his young wife moved to Marysville, Ohio. He built a two-story frame house, the first house of frame timbers erected in that locality. There he engaged in the practice of medicine with Dr. Andrew Gerow as his partner, and they were closely associated not only professionally but on terms of great friendship, and Captain Wood was named for his father's partner. Dr. Wood died at Marysville in 1839. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, three of whom died in infancy. One died in 1860, another in 1900, another in 1914, and still another in 1915. Captain Wood of Warsaw is the only living survivor of these children.

Andrew Gerow Wood was reared at Marysville, Ohio. His youthful days were not particularly eventful. He attended school, and also developed a good constitution and helped pay his way by working on farms belonging to his uncles. At one time he was paid $3.00 a month for this kind of work, and at another $4.00 per month. He carefully put away the money thus earned and with it bought a scholarship at the Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware. He spent two years as a student there, and as he had little money beyond enough to pay his tuition, he maintained himself by working evenings and on Saturdays. At the age of twenty he found employment in the general store of Fullington, Garwood & Company at Milford Center, Ohio.

While living at Milford and employed as a struggling young clerk, Dr. Wood was married October 10, 1855, to Rose A. Reed, daughter of Samuel Reed, a farmer of Champaign County, Ohio.

In the same year of their marriage Mr. Wood and bride moved out to Waterloo, Iowa. That was then a remote community, and there were few white settlers around the Waterloo of that time. He spent fifteen months there as a member of the general mercantile firm of Elwells & Wood. They conducted a trading post and carried on most of their business with the Indians who lived around Waterloo. Then returning to Milford Center, Ohio, Mr. Wood resumed business under the firm name of Wood & Reed, handling retail dry goods stock, in which he continued for about four years.

With this varied experience behind him Captain Wood then returned to his native town of Marysville and took up the study of law in the office of P. B. Cole. His preceptor afterwards became the father-in-law of Charles W. Fairbanks, Vice President of the United States, and Mr. Fairbanks himself read law under Mr. Cole.

Admitted to the bar of Ohio in August, 1860, Captain Wood in 1861 moved to Lawrenceburg in Southern Indiana and took up practice as a member of the firm of Gregg & Wood. He handled his law cases as a rising young attorney in that city during the first years of the Civil War, but in February, 1864, enlisted in Company H of the One Hundred and Twenty-Third Indiana Volunteer Infantry as a private. He was later elected first lieutenant and still later captain of his company, but owing to lack of men to complete the company organization he never mustered in, though holding a captain's commission. His command was part of the division under the leadership of Gen. A. P. Hovey, who afterwards became governor of Indiana. Soon after he was mustered in he went to Louisville, Kentucky, spent a week there in an instruction camp, and then for a short time was stationed at Fort Negley, near Nashville. From there his command marched to Cleveland, Tennessee, spent four days there, and thence on to Chattanooga, where he arrived in time to participate in Sherman's great campaign against Atlanta. During that compaign he was aid-de-camp on the staff of General McQuiston. In the historic advance towards Atlanta he fought at the battles of Resaca, Kingston, Rome, Ezra Church, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain. His was the first brigade that crossed the pontoon bridge spanning the river six miles from Atlanta. With the fall of Atlanta Captain Wood and his command were detached from Sherman's army, leaving that organization at Rome, then marched back to Chattanooga, took train to Nashville, and went to Columbia and across Duck River and participated in those battles which finally broke the resistance of the Confederacy in the Mississippi Valley. He fought at Spring Hill, and at the great battle of Franklin he was on detached duty with the staff of General Strickland. From Franklin he accompanied the Federal troops to Nashville, where sixteen days later, under General Thomas, was fought the battle which effectually dissipated the Confederate army under Hood. From Tennessee Captain Wood was sent to Clifton, thence to Washington, D. C., on to Wilmington, and at Jonesboro he again joined Sherman's army. While on the way to Raleigh he participated in the battle of Wise Forks, known in history as Kingston, which was

the last important engagement of the long struggle between the North and the South. When peace was declared Captain Wood, along with the Twenty-Third Army Corps, went to Charlotte, North Carolina, thence to Salisbury, and on September 14, 1865, was mustered out of service. On April 1, 1865, at Charlotte, North Carolina, he was appointed judge advocate of that place, and he also had jurisdiction at Salisbury until mustered out.

On leaving the army Captain Wood returned to Indiana, and on November 8, 1865, located at Warsaw. This has been his home ever since, now fully half a century, and all those years have been spent in the practice of his profession. But little important litigation has been tried in the local courts with which Captain Wood has not been identified on one side or the other. It is indeed a stranger in Warsaw who does not know Captain Wood's law offices. In fact, those offices are almost as much of a landmark in the city as the courthouse itself. For forty-one years he has interviewed his clients and has welcomed his friends in one and the same office building. In that long period he has seen many of his former contemporaries leave the county or pass to their last reward. He has had a number of partners in practice. F. E. Bowser, now Judge of the Circuit Court, was a student under his direction and afterwards was for twenty years a partner.

In politics Captain Wood is a democrat. He was the first democratic councilman and mayor ever elected to those offices in Warsaw. That was more of a compliment to his recognized standing and personal character, perhaps, than to the party of which he was a member. He has been affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for fifty-seven years, and is a member of both the subordinate lodge and the Hackleman Encampment of that order. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Loyal Order of Moose, and his church is the Episcopal.

Captain Wood and wife became the parents of three children. Charlotte was the wife of Abe Brubaker, but she and her husband and two of their children are now deceased, and the only survivor is a son, Lawrence Brubaker, an active member of the Warsaw bar. The daughter, Jennie, married O. P. Eversole, they live at Fort Wayne, and have two children, Sarah and Arthur. Mrs. Eversole's daughter is the wife of James Johnson, of Fort Wayne, and she has two children, Jennie and Dorothy. Emma, the third daughter of Captain Wood, married Oscar Baker, and they live in Warsaw. There is one child in the Baker family, Edgar. Thus Captain Wood in his declining years has the comfort and solace of four grandchildren.

Hiram D. Miller. The chief financial institution in the southeastern corner of Kosciusko County is the Bank of Sidney. Above and more important than its financial status and resources are the personnel of the men behind it and active in its management. A. B. Palmer is president, G. J. Smith is vice president, Hiram D. Miller is

cashier, and the other directors are Sam Funk, Eli Circle and O. Palmer.

Hiram D. Miller has been cashier of the bank nearly ten years. He is a well trained and efficient business man, and has lived in this community most of his life. He was born in Jackson Township, on a farm four miles south of Sidney, March 19, 1874, a son of Levi J. and Anna E. (Ulrey) Miller. Both his father's and mother's families have been long and usefully identified with this section of Indiana. His father was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, October 4, 1845, while his mother was born in Jackson Township of Kosciusko County, September 2, 1847. The grandparents were John and Mary A. (Mishler) Miller, who brought their family to Indiana in 1847 and settled in section 18 of Jackson Township. The grandparents spent the rest of their days on their farm, and they were active members of the Church of the Brethren, the chief religious organization in that part of the township. Levi J. Miller was one of a family of six sons and four daughters. After his marriage to Anna E. Ulrey he located in Jackson Township, lived there until 1876, then had a farm two and a half miles east of Claypool in Clay Township until the fall of 1882, when he returned to Jackson Township and continued his active life as a farmer until 1908. His wife died in 1905, and in 1908 he moved to Wabash County, lived on a farm there for ten years, and in the spring of 1918 retired to North Manchester, where he is still living. In his family were seven children by his first marriage, and those living today are: Joseph H., cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Cherubusco, Indiana, and who formerly served as postmaster of Syracuse, of Kosciusko County, fourteen years; Hiram D.; Ora, wife of Vern Bushong; Melvin F., assistant cashier of the Bank of Sidney; Lizzie, wife of Ford Landis; and Dayton, a farmer in Elkhart County. The one deceased child was named Alvin.

Hiram D. Miller grew up in Clay and Jackson Townships. The education of his youth was supplied by the local schools, also the higher schools at North Manchester and the Tri-State Normal College at Angola. With this splendid education Mr. Miller was a successful teacher for seven years, altogether in Jackson Township. Then for six years he was engaged in the hardware business at Sidney, and selling out removed to Syracuse, where he remained eight months, and for two years was located at North Manchester. Returning to Sidney in March, 1909, he took up his present duties and responsibilities as cashier of the local bank.

December 24, 1899, Mr. Miller married Miss Susie Ulrey, who was born in Kosciusko County, member of one of the well known families of that name in the southeastern part of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have four children: Paul and Pauline, twins, born May 8, 1901, now in the third year of the local high school; Carl, born August 1, 1912; and Bennett, born July 8, 1914.

The family are members of the Brethren Church, and Mr. Miller is clerk of the church society. He is now serving as Master of Sidney Lodge No. 579, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; he is also affiliated with Chester Chapter No. 47 Royal Arch Masons. Politically

he has taken a quite active interest in the republican party, and for several years has been a local committeeman.

J. D. LEE CLINE is superintendent of the Silver Lake public schools, has been identified with educational work since early manhood, and unlike most educators is also a progressive and rather successful business man, having a number of interests as a farmer and formerly as a merchant, and is one of the leaders in local civic activities and in those movements which are helping win the war.

Mr. Cline was born in Adams County, Indiana, May 21, 1881. He represents an old and prominent family of Root Township in this county. His ancestors for several generations lived in the State of Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Jacob Cline, was born in Pennsylvania, married Barbara Robinson of that state, and immediately after marriage moved to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and about 1838 loaded his household goods upon a wagon and with ox and horse teams crossed the country to Northeastern Indiana. He secured 160 acres of land in section 14 of Root Township, and in a house of logs he and his family put up with the primitive conditions for a number of years. They lived principally upon corn bread and wild meat. Jacob Cline was a resolute home maker, put all his land under the plow, and in his later years enjoyed the comforts of a good home and an ample competence. He was a class leader for many years in the first church of the Methodist denomination in his township.

The parents of Superintendent Cline were George B. and Lavinia (Luckey) Cline. George B. Cline was born in Root Township of Adams County March 26, 1842, and is one of the three surviving children of his father. The other two are Jonas and William.

George Cline grew to maturity in Adams County, attended the district schools, and after his marriage became a farmer, but is now living retired in Decatur, from which city he oversees his farming interests. He and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. George Cline was a gallant soldier of the Union Army, serving more than four years in Company C of the Forty-Seventh Indiana Infantry. Politically he is a republican. He and his wife had three children: Martha D., who studied music in Ohio University and is the wife of Dr. W. E. Smith of Decatur; J. D. Lee; and Juna G., who died in infancy.

J. D. L. Cline had a farm rearing, and his first advantages were supplied by the district schools. Later he attended the Decatur High School and was only seventeen when he taught his first winter term in a country district. In the intervals of teaching he attended higher schools and acquired an education which well fitted him for the responsibilities of leadership he now enjoys. He was a student in the Ohio Northern University of Ada, in Valparaiso University and also in Winona College under Dr. Rigdon. Mr. Cline holds the degrees A. B. and A. M., and is now possessor of a life certificate from the state. He has filled positions in all the grades of teaching

work, and at one time was teacher of mathematics and science in Winona College.

Mr. Cline has been a resident of Silver Lake since 1905. For a time he was in the drug business here and also resumed his work as an educator in charge of the grammar school, and is now superintendent of the entire school system of the village.

Mr. Cline married Miss Daisy A. Cline, who was a student of music at Valparaiso University. They have one son, Eldred D., born April 13, 1905, now a student in the eighth grade of the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Cline are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America, and has filled chairs in these orders. He is a republican and is now serving his fifth term as town clerk of Silver Lake. He is also president of the local Red Cross Chapter of Silver Lake Township, and Mrs. Cline gives much of her time to supervising the sewing department of that chapter. Mr. Cline owns a small farm of forty acres in Adams Township, and has an interest in another place of eighty acres in the same county. His own home in Silver Lake is a modern residence on Jefferson street.

Frank C. Tucker, M. D. V., whose work as a veterinary surgeon has made him well known in Claypool and surrounding territory, is a grandson of that splendid Kosciusko County pioneer Horace Tucker, and this is a point at which it is appropriate to mention some of the interesting details of the Tucker family history.

Dr. Tucker's ancestors were New England people. His great-grandfather, John Tucker, was born in New Hampshire in 1791, and in 1815 settled as a pioneer in the woods of Richland County, Ohio. After three years of pioneer experience he returned to New Hampshire and married Mary Ward, who was born in 1800. In 1818 the young couple returned to Ohio, and it is said that for six months Mrs. Tucker never saw the face of a white woman, her neighbors being chiefly Indians. John Tucker was a man of fine education, and had a record of thirty-five consecutive terms of school teaching in Ohio. In December, 1853, he moved to Kosciusko County, having bought several years before land upon which the Village of Sevastopol was later situated. This village was surveyed and named by him. About that time the Crimean War was in progress and the achievements of the British army at Sevastopol were prominent in the popular mind. Though in advanced years John Tucker after coming to Kosciusko County also planted the seed and developed a fine apple orchard. His wife died February 27, 1876, and he soon afterwards returned to Ohio, and while there was taken ill and died December 25, 1879. He was laid to rest in Kosciusko County. John Tucker and wife had six children: Horace, Aurelius, Albert, Serena, Regulus and Livonia.

The real pioneer of the Tucker family in Kosciusko County was Horace Tucker, who was born in Richland County, Ohio, November 8, 1825. In 1846 he came to Kosciusko County, and paid $2.50 an

acre for a tract of 160 acres in section 20 of Franklin Township. The following spring he cut down the first timber and erected a log cabin, and in the fall of 1847 went back to Ohio and married on January 13, 1848, Eliza Johnston, daughter of Francis and Ann (Fleming) Johnston. In the fall of that year they returned to Kosciusko County, and it was in their log cabin home that all their three children were born, namely: Albert L.; Rosella, who married Jonathan Tinkey; and Hollis C.

Horace Tucker lived a life of great industry and was a man of remarkable business judgment, and came to be classed as one of the wealthy citizens of the county. He was a pioneer stock raiser and dealer, and it is said that with a partner he took the first carload of stock ever sent by railroad from Warsaw. It is said that when Horace Tucker and his wife came to Kosciusko County he brought all their household possessions and goods in a small box. Much of their furniture was hand made and of the crudest description. But their prosperity enabled them to introduce many improvements as they came. They brought the first cooking stove into Franklin Township, an implement which Mr. Tucker bought at Fort Wayne. It is said that the neighbors for miles around came to view this wonderful improvement over the old style of cooking at the open fireplace. In 1871 Horace Tucker erected a substantial brick residence, and it was the first home in Franklin Township heated by furnace steam. His windmill pump was the second in the township. He not only made improvements himself, but fostered improvements affecting the general community welfare, though he steadfastly refused any political honors, being satisfied merely to vote as a republican.

Dr. Frank C. Tucker was born in Franklin Township, a son of Albert L. and Elizabeth (Bechtelheimer) Tucker. His father was born in Franklin Township in 1848, and his wife in the same locality. Doctor Tucker was only an infant when his mother died March 16, 1888. He was the youngest of eight children, and was reared largely by a sister and also in the home of his grandfather, Horace Tucker. He attended district schools, and in 1906 entered the McKillip Veterinary College at Chicago, from which he graduated with his degree in the spring of 1909. He began practice at South Whitley, Indiana, but on January 2, 1912, returned to Kosciusko County and located at Claypool, where he has his office and headquarters. His services are in almost constant demand by the farmers and stock raisers of that community.

September 2, 1908, Mr. Tucker married Frances Kern, daughter of Jacob and Martha Kern. Mrs. Tucker was born in Franklin Township, and had two years of high school work. They have two sons, Marshall B., born July 22, 1909; and Carl C., born September 15, 1911. Dr. and Mrs. Tucker are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Claypool. He is affiliated with Lake City Lodge No. 73, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a democrat in politics.

MONROE PAULUS. In the Indiana plan of local government the most important office is that of township trustee. Through this office is administered the business and financial management of the local schools, and the conditions of the schools, highways and other improvements are largely an index of the character of the man chosen to fill that important office. The present incumbent of that office in Lake Township is Monroe Paulus, whose family was one of the first to locate in this section of the county, and the name Paulus has been prominently identified with that locality for over three quarters of a century.

Monroe Paulus was born a mile and a half east of Silver Lake in Clay Township, February 5, 1858, son of Daniel and Maria A. (Miller) Paulus. His father was a native of Pennsylvania and his mother of Maryland, and after their marriage they lived in Montgomery County, Ohio, and in 1841 moved to Kosciusko County and settled in the wild woods, where they had a log cabin home until they could provide themselves with one of greater comforts. Daniel Paulus and his brother Jacob were the first merchants in what is now Silver Lake Village, and they were the founders of that town, the town being laid out on land owned by Jacob. Their old store, a hewed log structure, stood until 1884. Daniel Paulus and wife both died in 1886. They had their home on the farm where Monroe was born until 1864, when they moved to the Village of Silver Lake. Daniel Paulus was a democrat and a very active man of his party. He and his wife had the following children: Jacob M., Annie, David, Catherine, Henry, Mary A., Susannah, Elizabeth, Lydia, Monroe and Sarah. Five of these children are still living

Monroe Paulus grew up at Silver Lake, and after finishing his education went to work in a saw mill. He also had a splendid experience in grist and flour mills and in a butter tub factory. For three years he was in the saw mill business in Eastern Tennessee, and for two and a half years was superintendent of the Nettleton Hardwood Lumber Business. He also spent two and a half years in the far west, in Utah, in the milling business.

In January, 1898, Mr. Paulus married Alice Funk, a native of Kosciusko County. After his marriage Mr. Paulus spent another period of two and a half years in the saw mill business in the State of Mississippi. On returning to Lake Township he resumed farming, and has since steadily devoted his time to his place of eighty-five acres three-quarters of a mile north of Silver Lake.

He and his wife have four children: Cloice, who is married and lives on the home farm and has twin sons, Corlyss and Corlyle; Glenn, a graduate of high school, now serving with the American forces in the war against Germany; Meta, a graduate of the Silver Lake High School, and now a student in the South Bend College; and Thelma, who is in the second year of the local high school.

Mr. Paulus is affiliated with Deming Lodge No. 88, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at North Manchester, and is also a Past Noble Grand and a member of the Grand Lodge of the Odd Fellows, his local affiliation being with Silver Lake Lodge No. 576. In politics

he is a democrat and it was as a member of that party, but chiefly as the man best fitted for the place, that his fellow citizens chose him for the responsibilities of township trustee.

SILAS W. CHIPMAN. Much that is worthy and estimable in human life was the lot of Silas W. Chipman, president of the State Bank of Warsaw. He was one of the early merchants of Kosciusko County, and for more than half a century lived up to his obligations as a banker and business man, and it would be an effort to imagine the first prosperity of Warsaw dissociated from the influence and enterprise of this venerable citizen, who was one of the oldest and one of the few remaining at the time of his death of the very early settlers. For years his fellow citizens regarded him as their natural leader, though he never took any part in politics, and he gained his enviable position through the strictest integrity in every relation.

Mr. Chipman died at Warsaw March 9, 1916, when within one week of ninety years of age. Death came very suddenly from heart failure. He was actively engaged in the banking business until the day of his death. His was a long and useful life. He was a New Englander by birth and ancestry, and was born in Addison County, Vermont, March 16, 1826. His parents, Isaac and Sarah H. (Hemenway) Chipman were of English ancestry. The first of the family in America came when the country was in its colonial period of development, and members of subsequent generations have taken their full share in the national wars, in the work of legislative bodies, and in business and the professions. Isaac Chipman was a farmer, but was a man of more than ordinary local influence in his section of Vermont. He served as a justice of the peace, was a member of both the Lower House and Senate of Vermont, in politics was first a whig and later a republican, and was a member of the Congregational Church. Of his seven children two subsequently took a prominent part in business affairs in Kosciusko County, Indiana.

Silas W. Chipman had the usual environment and experiences of a New England boy during the early half of the last century. He gained a training on one of the rugged farms of Vermont and was educated in district schools. Soon after reaching manhood, in 1849, he came to the then small and isolated Village of Warsaw, Indiana. Here his first employment was as clerk in the store of Atwood & Pottenger, but not long afterwards he and his brother Samuel H. established a mercantile enterprise of their own. Mr. Chipman remained an active merchant of Warsaw until 1881, and nearly all of the older settlers recall his store as one of the landmarks of the town. After the death of his brother Samuel he succeeded him as president of the State Bank of Warsaw. For more than a third of a century Mr. Chipman was president of this institution, and his name was invariably used as synonym for integrity and sound commercial judgment.

On April 18, 1867, he married Sarah M. Wilson. The children born to them were: Arthur, who died in infancy; Walter M.; Wilbur,

who died in infancy; Antoinette, who died at the age of thirteen; and Helen M. A republican in politics, Silas W. Chipman steadfastly declined all political favors, and gave his greatest service to the community as a conservator of its financial resources and as a splendid example of commercial integrity. For a great many years he was an active member of the Presbyterian Church. Perhaps his greatest interest in life was his church. He sacrificed financially that he might give to the church and its missionary enterprises. For twenty-two years he was superintendent of the Sabbath school and was a noble example of a Christian business man.

JONATHAN TINKEY. To live many years is something of an achievement, to live them usefully and well, to accumulate as well as to distribute prosperity and happiness, to bring a masterful mind and courage to the successive problems and obstacles of life—that is to deserve well of destiny and merit those items and practice which make up success

Such has been the life of Jonathan Tinkey of Seward Township, whose career covers three-quarters of a century. He was born in Richland County, Ohio, October 21, 1842. It was in the same year that the Tinkey family became identified with Kosciusko County. His father, Noah Tinkey, was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1813, a son of Frederick and Mary Tinkey, who were of German ancestry. Noah Tinkey grew up in his native state, and in 1837 went with his parents to Richland County, Ohio. There on June 15, 1838, he married Eliza Easterly. She was born in Pennsylvania June 14, 1819, a daughter of Lawrence and Catherine Easterly, natives of the same state. In 1842 Noah Tinkey brought his family to Kosciusko County and found his destination west of Warsaw on the Tippecanoe River. Arriving there late one evening he unloaded his goods under a beech tree, and under its shelter the family spent the night. He bought 160 acres of land, built a shanty, replaced it with a hewed log house, and then still another house of hewed logs, and finally a substantial frame dwelling arose, which sheltered him the rest of his days. Noah Tinkey was prospered, and acquired altogether 420 acres. He and his wife were very active and liberal members of the United Brethren Church, and in politics he was a democrat. He and his wife had eleven children, one of whom died in infancy. The others were named George, Frederick, Jonathan, Mathias, Mahala, Catherine, Susan, Louisa, Artemesia and Mary. Of this family Mr. Jonathan Tinkey is the only surviving son.

He grew up in Harrison Township and acquired a very liberal education, beginning in the district schools, was later in the Warsaw schools, and finally in the State University. His education he utilized as a teacher for thirteen terms, all this work being done in Kosciusko County. Mr. Tinkey is also one of the honored veterans of the Civil War. In 1864 he was enrolled in Company I of the Thirty-Third Indiana Infantry, and saw some active service during the latter months of that great struggle between the North and the

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South. He has long been interested in the Grand Army of the Republic, is a member of Post No. 114, and in 1918 was chosen as a delegate to the National Reunion or Encampment at Portland, Oregon.

While Mr. Tinkey had a modest inheritance, most of his prosperity has been won by his individual abilities and labors. Of his holdings in Seward Township there is a large body of farming land amounting to 440 acres, besides 135 acres in Jackson Township. Mr. Tinkey organized the Bank of Seward and was its largest stockholder. He is also interested in a number of other enterprises, local and elsewhere. He has a residence property in Warsaw and also has eighty acres of land in Wayne Township.

He has been one of the stanch leaders of the democratic party in the county for many years. He has served as supervisor, and some years ago was the only democrat elected to the county council.

Mr. Tinkey married Rosella Tucker. Her father, Horace Tucker, who died September 10, 1907, was one of Kosciusko County's prominent citizens. Born in Richland County, Ohio, November 8, 1825, a son of John and Mary (Ward) Tucker, he came to Kosciusko County in 1846 and settled on 160 acres in Franklin Township. He cut the first tree on the land, lived in a log cabin, and in the fall of 1847 went back to Ohio, and on the following 13th of January married Eliza Johnston. They returned to Indiana and occupied their pioneer home in 1848, and in that log house their three children were born, including Rosella. Horace Tucker was remarkably prosperous in business and for many years ranked as one of the wealthiest citizens of Franklin Township. He was a stock raiser and also a stock dealer, and it is said that he shipped the first carload of stock ever sent by rail from Warsaw. Other references to his career will be found on other pages of this publication.

Mr. and Mrs. Tinkey had four children: Laura M., still at home with her parents; Alta M., who died at Rochester, Indiana, wife of Norman Stower; Nellie A., wife of Isaac Kern of Seward Township; and Horace G., who lives in Franklin Township and married Goldie Melons.

Mr. Tinkey and wife are members of the Universalist Church at Roan in Wabash County. He is also a past noble grand and has been a member of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

JOHN E. DEATON, representing a family of long residence in Kosciusko County, grew up on one of the farms in Clay Township, but for a number of years has applied his energies most successfully to business, and is proprietor of the Sidney Elevator in Jackson Township.

Mr. Deaton was born in Clarke County, Ohio, October 16, 1862, son of George W. and Frances C. (Fortney) Deaton. George W. Deaton, who died many years ago, was born and reared in Clarke County, son of William Deaton, a sawmill man. George Deaton married Miss Fortney March 9, 1856, and in March, 1863, they brought their family to Kosciusko County and located in Clay Town-

ship. George W. Deaton was a hard worker, and succeeded in establishing his family in good circumstances before his death. He was an eloquent speaker and one of the leading advocates of the republican party. He served a term as trustee of Clay Township, and was the only republican ever elected to that office up to that time. He was also a charter member of the Grange at Claypool, and was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He and his wife had eight children, seven sons and one daughter: William S., Jacob O., Mary B., John E., all of whom were born in Ohio, and Samuel S., Ulysses, Cyrus B. and Charles G., who were born in Clay Township. Those still living are Jacob O., John E., Sherman S., Cyrus B. and Charles G., the last a resident of Toledo, Ohio.

John E. Deaton was less than a year old when brought to Kosciusko County. He grew up in Clay Township, attended the district schools there, and was a factor in the home circle until the age of twenty-one. March 11, 1888, he married Miss Louie E. Ball, who was born in Lake Township of this county. After their marriage they lived on a farm for several years, and then established their home in Claypool, from which town Mr. Deaton traveled for two years representing the Cleveland Stock Yards Company. Mr. Deaton came to Sidney in 1905, buying the local elevator interests, and has since handled a large share of the surplus grain marketed by the farmers throughout Jackson and adjoining townships.

Mr. and Mrs. Deaton have three children: Sedie, a graduate of high school and wife of Dale H. Homma; Russell B., a graduate of high school and formerly a student of the Terre Haute State Normal School, is now associated with his father in the elevator at Sidney, and married Gladys Baker; Mabel, a graduate of high school, still at home with her parents and is teacher of domestic science in the Sidney schools.

The family are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Deaton is a trustee of the church and is past noble grand of Sidney Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has sat in the Grand Lodge, and is also affiliated with the Masonic Order. He has been quite active in republican ranks for a number of years.

J. H. WINDBIGLER represents an old and honored name in Kosciusko County. His vocation has been that of an agriculturist, and while he has never sought those honors associated with public office, he has, nevertheless, rendered a valuable service to the community by his industrious career as a farmer and through his support of all public spirited enterprises, church, good schools and other affairs touching the community welfare. His farm, comprising eighty-nine acres of thoroughly cultivated land, is situated in Seward Township.

Mr. Windbigler was born in Newcastle Township of Fulton County, Indiana, March 10, 1851, son of John B. and Rebecca (Barkman) Windbigler. His father and also his grandfather, John Windbigler, were shoemakers by trade, and the family came west from Pennsylvania, where they had lived for a number of generations.

Mr. Windbigler's maternal grandfather, John Barkman, was also a shoemaker by trade.

John B. Windbigler was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, son of John and Mary (Buchter) Windbigler, natives of the same county. His parents moved to Richland County, Ohio, and in 1852 the family came to Indiana, first locating in Marshall County, later moving to a farm in Newton County, where John Windbigler, the grandfather died. His widow afterwards lived in Kosciusko County among her children.

John B. Windbigler was reared in Ohio and married Miss Rebecca Barkman there. On coming to Indiana he settled in Fulton County, bought and cleared a tract of timbered land, and after living on it fifteen years sold and moved further west in 1867 to Carroll County, Missouri. From there two years later he returned to Indiana and bought his farm in Kosciusko County. Here he lived to improve his land, was a capable and industrious citizen, and one of the leaders in the local democratic party and a devout member of the Church of God. He died in 1913, and his widow in 1909. While a resident of Fulton County he served as justice of the peace two years. John B. Windbigler and wife had seven children: Jeremiah H.; Mary E., deceased; James W., deceased; John F., who was born while the family lived in Missouri and is now a resident of Kansas; Rebecca L., deceased; Louis A., of Wabash, Indiana; and T. B., also of Wabash.

Jeremiah H. Windbigler grew up in Fulton and Kosciusko counties and had the advantages of the local schools while a boy. When he was twenty-one years of age he left home to support himself and carve out his own destiny. February 25, 1877, he married Miss Fanny Funk, who was born near Silver Lake in Kosciusko County February 20, 1852, daughter of Henry B. and Polly (Beigh) Funk. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania and came to Kosciusko County from Ohio. The Funk family has long been a prominent one in this section of Indiana. Mrs. Windbigler is a granddaughter of Jacob Funk, and her remote ancestors came to America from Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Funk had three children: Fanny, Mrs. Windbigler; Anna C., wife of Aaron Boyer, of Jackson Township; and Mary A., wife of Morrison Paulus, of Lake Township. Mrs. Windbigler was carefully educated at home and in the common schools. After their marriage they started as renters on the old Funk estate, lived there for six years, then rented elsewhere, and finally bought a farm in Fulton County. Several exchanges of property followed and eventually they returned to Kosciusko County and bought their present place.

Mr. and Mrs. Windbigler have three children: Levi B., who is a resident of Franklin Township and married Pearl Norris; Mary, a graduate of the common schools and wife of Herman Swick, of Seward Township; and Anna L., wife of Harrison Armey, who lives on Mr. Windbigler's farm. Mr. Windbigler and wife are also proud of their ten grandchildren. The family are members of the Church of God, and in politics Mr. Windbigler is a democrat.

IRVIN H. ULSH. A practical agriculturist, giving close attention to the management of his farm, Irvin H. Ulsh of Seward Township is meeting with well earned success in his work and is a popular and highly esteemed citizen in his community. His farm lies three and a half miles southwest of Claypool.

Mr. Ulsh was born in Miami County, Indiana, June 19, 1859, and is a son of Benjamin and Lydia (Lautsenhizer) Ulsh. His parents were both born in Pennsylvania, but were married after they came to Indiana and then settled in Kosciusko County on the farm now owned by C. M. Regnaous. Much of the land of this farm was cleared by the senior Ulsh, and he lived there until he went to Texas in 1884. He was a soldier of the Civil War, serving in the Union Army for nine months, and it was at the close of that struggle that he settled in Seward Township. He died in Texas, while his wife passed away at North Manchester in 1865. They had three children: Irvin H.; M. J., who is married and lives at Laketon, Indiana; and Viola H., who died in Oklahoma.

Irvin H. Ulsh was about six and a half years old when his mother died, and that was the first important loss and handicap which he had to overcome in his early life. As a boy he attended school at North Manchester, Laketon and in Seward Township, and took most of the studies taught in the common schools. He was at home until twenty-one, and gave to his father all that he made. He started out for himself as an agriculturist and at the age of twenty-nine married Mrs. Eliza M. Caldwell, whose maiden name was Nelson. Her first husband was Joshua Caldwell. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ulsh lived a half mile west of Claypool, where he farmed five years, and then sold out and came to his present place, where he owns eighty acres of good land. In addition to general farming, Mr. Ulsh has had a very unusual success as a poultryman. He has raised chickens and produced eggs on a large scale, and has developed a high class utility flock.

Mr. Ulsh has two sons, Irvin V. and Benjamin F. The older son is a graduate of the common schools and also attended the Claypool High School. He is a Seward Township farmer, and married Ollie M. Foster. The younger son married Miss Parker and also lives in Seward Township. In political belief Mr. Ulsh is a socialist.

HARVEY MEREDITH is another Kosciusko County citizen who had to start life with very little capital, with such experience as he had been able to gather when a boy on the farm, and he has utilized his opportunities and directed his energies to a point where he is now the possessor of a good farm, is more than paying his way, and is looked upon as one of the most substantial citizens of Seward Township. His home is on Rural Route No. 3 out of Akron, Indiana.

Mr. Meredith was born a few miles west of where he now lives, in Franklin Township, March 26, 1875, a son of Simon and Sarah (Cattern) Meredith. His father was a native of Pennsylvania and his mother of Ohio. They married in Franklin Township of this county and were identified with farming in that locality until the

death of the father. The widowed mother survived until 1911. There were three sons: Willis, who lives on the old homestead; Harry, whose home is three and a half miles southeast of Claypool; and Harvey.

Mr. Harvey Meredith grew up in Franklin Township and attended the public schools of his home locality. He made himself useful by his work on the home place until he was twenty-five, and then established a home of his own by his marriage on February 4, 1900, to Miss Ada Paxton. Mrs. Meredith was born in Silver Lake, Indiana, and was educated in the schools of Seward Township. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Meredith chose the role of renters for a time, later bought land in Seward Township, and a few years ago traded that for the sixty-acre farm where Mr. Meredith and his family still reside. Mrs. Meredith died July 12, 1917, and four children mourn her loss. These children are: Opal, Trelba, Alonzo and Donovan. Opal, the oldest, was born July 1, 1902, and has finished the work of the common schools. Mr. Meredith and children are members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and in politics he votes as a republican.

Frank Alexander. Success has amply attended the efforts of Frank Alexander, who has devoted himself with diligence and energy to the farming business nearly all his life. He is a representative of the progressive type of farmer, and today is cultivating and handling the resources of one of the good farms in Seward Township. The Alexander home is in section 36 of that township, one and a half miles west and one and a quarter miles north of Silver Lake.

About three miles west of his present home Mr. Alexander was born January 4, 1870, a son of Mathew and Editha (Darlin) Alexander. His parents were both natives of Richland County, Ohio, grew up and married there, and in 1865 brought their family to Kosciusko County. The parents located on a tract of land in Seward Township about half way between Yellow Creek and Beaver Dam lakes. They spent their lives there. The father was a republican. Of the nine children six are still living. Peter, of Warsaw; Jonathan, of Seward Township; Ida, wife of Elias Parker; Nettie, wife of Hollis Tucker, of Akron, Indiana; George M., of Seward Township; and Frank.

Frank Alexander grew up on the old homestead and attended the district school in the same community. December 24, 1891, he married Miss Rose Stoffer. She was born in Miami County, Indiana. For a number of years Mr. Alexander owned eighty acres of the old homestead, but in 1907 sold that and came to his present farm, also comprising eighty acres. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising. Mr. Alexander votes the republican ticket.

He and his wife have three interesting young sons: Myrl, a graduate of the common schools and high school; Gurney L., who has finished the course of the common schools; and Luhr, now attending the grade school.

ISAAC B. HIRE is one of the oldest native sons of Kosciusko County still living, and has spent his life actively and prosperously as a farmer and stockman. He is now living at Burket.

The first stock buyers operating on an extensive scale through this section of Indiana were his father, Rudolph Hire, and Washington Bybee. Long before railroads were built and when the only known means of getting livestock across the country was by driving, these men were among the chief drovers from this section of the country. They frequently drove their cattle and other livestock to market at Cleveland. The business, still one of large proportions, was acquired in 1864 by Allen Bybee, and Milton E. and I. B. Hire, under the firm name of Hire, Bybee & Company, and they continued buying and shipping hogs, cattle, sheep and horses for nearly forty years. Their operations were on a large scale, and while there were of course many transactions which did not yield a profit, the business on the whole was a prosperous one. They bought livestock all over Northern Indiana and Ohio, and in this way Isaac B. Hire came to be a well known figure to the stock raisers throughout many counties. Mr. Hire was also solicitor for passenger traffic on the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad for fifteen years.

He was born in Franklin Township of this county April 28, 1844, a son of Rudolph and Hannah (Linsey) Hire. Rudolph Hire was born in Ross County, Ohio, April 2, 1817, and his wife was born in Indiana in 1825. He was a small boy when his parents moved to Elkhart County, and from there he came to Prairie Township of Kosciusko County. He and his wife married in Franklin Township and they then located in that region, but eventually moved to Burket. Rudolph Hire was one of the leading citizens of the county and was so esteemed at the time of his death in 1889. His widow survived until April 4, 1911. Both were members of the Dunkard church and he was a democrat They had eleven children, including: Milton E., deceased; Isaac B.; Nancy A., widow of John Jones; Mary, who married Orlando Sludy, and both are now deceased; Eliza, deceased, wife of George Melons; Susan, was the wife of Alonzo Study; Lillie, wife of Charles Eggleston, living in California; Alpheus, of Warsaw; and Allen, deceased.

Isaac B. Hire grew to manhood on his father's place in Franklin Township and was given such advantages as the local schools could afford. At the age of twenty-one he married Miss Maria Warren. To their union were born five children, and the only one living is Norma H. Hire of Blue Springs, Missouri. On April 24, 1891, Mr. Hire married for his second wife Amanda Wirick, who was born in Richland County, Ohio, May 21, 1852, and was brought to Kosciusko County at the age of two years. Mr. and Mrs. Hire have no children of their own and a nephew lives with them on their home place of seventy acres. Mr. Hire also owns 640 acres of good land in the State of Texas. In addition to farming and the stock business he has readily enlisted his energies and influence in behalf of every community undertaking. For two years he served as assessor in Franklin Township, and while in that office he set the

Isaac. B. Hire
Amanda Hire
Lloyd E Hire

record for speed in compiling the assessment roll, doing the entire work in twenty-two days. Mr. Hire is a democrat in politics.

JOHN W. FITTON is one of the thoroughly businesslike farmers of Seward Township. He cultivates his fields, raises stock, buys and feeds cattle, is interested in the Equity Union Elevator Company at Burket, and in many other ways keeps in close touch with the progress of his community and is doing what he can to increase the efficiency of this community as one of the many factors in America's stupendous war program. The Fitton farm is in section 28 of Seward Township and comprises 100 acres of well-tilled fields, feed lots and building improvements.

Mr. Fitton was born in the same township July 19, 1876, son of Robert and Jane (Parker) Fitton. His parents were also natives of this county, his father born February 17, 1839, and his mother February 20, 1851. Robert Fitton died in 1878, when his son John was only two years old. The latter was the only son and he grew to manhood without the care or supervision of a father. Until he was eleven years of age he lived with his mother on the farm now owned by George W. Bouse, and after that made his home in different places until he came to the farm he now owns, in March, 1895.

November 24, 1894, Mr. Fitton married Miss Sadie Rickel. She represents one of the oldest pioneer families of Kosciusko County. Her grandfather, Samuel Rickel, was born in Pennsylvania March 14, 1810, son of Mathias and Catherine (Croyle) Rickel. The Rickel family left Pennsylvania in 1818, and Mathias and his wife spent the rest of their years in Ohio. In Wayne County, Ohio, Samuel Rickel married in 1835 Miss Sarah Moyer, and of their nine children six were born in Kosciusko County. Samuel Rickel brought his family to Kosciusko County in 1842, and established his home in the woods of Franklin Township. He had many interesting pioneer experiences. He entered his land from the government and acquired patent signed by President John Tyler. His first house was a log cabin, and the roof was so low that a full grown man could not enter the door without stooping. He lived on wild game, venison and turkey, had experiences with wolves, plowed his fields with a yoke of cattle, and served as the first postmaster in Franklin Township of Beaver Dam postoffice, his commission being given him in 1844, and for twenty years he held that dignity, but doubtless paid in service more than he received, since it was the custom for people journeying a long distance to the postoffice to enjoy the hospitality of the postmaster at the meals and even staying over night occasionally. He was also the first trustee of Franklin Township, and his son William, father of Mrs. Fitton, enjoyed similar honors. William Rickel was born in Wayne county, Ohio, April 19, 1836. He was a democrat in politics and served as trustee of Seward Township eleven years. He married Miss Mary Swick, and they had seven children, three of whom are still living: Samuel and George, the former a resident of Jennings County and the latter of Hancock, Wisconsin; and Sadie, Mrs. Fitton. Mrs. Fitton grew up and

spent her early life on the banks of Beaver Dam Lake, and attended the common schools there.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitton have seven children. Lloyd is now in the army as a mechanic in the aviation corps, having received his training at the aviation field near Fort Worth, Texas. Edna is a graduate of the common schools and the wife of Russell Barber. Ida has finished the common school course and is living at home, as is Ruth, while the younger children are Marle, Orville and Neva. The family are members of the United Brethren Church and Mr. Fitton is a democratic voter.

RANDOLPH B. ALLISON. The durable satisfactions of life are those won by hard work and by the overcoming of many obstacles. While he is now generally recognized as one of the successful and substantial farmers and stock raisers of Kosciusko County, there was a time when Randolph B. Allison had to depend upon the work of his hands at day and monthly wages. He paid for his first land in that way, and with the co-operation of a loyal wife has made progress over obstacles and has achieved his present position and success in the world. Mr. Allison is proprietor of the Lakeside Farm of eighty acres a half mile south of Yellow Bank in Tippecanoe Township.

He is a native of Delaware County, Indiana, where he was born November 28, 1859, son of Samuel and Martha (Fields) Allison. The parents were both natives of Pennsylvania, where they grew up and married, from there moved to Ohio, and a little later to Delaware County, Indiana, and their next move took them to Sullivan County in this state, and from there they came to Kosciusko County, locating in Plain Township, where they acquired seventy-two acres southeast of Leesburg. Eight years later they made their final move to Tippecanoe Township, where the mother spent her last years. The father died in Missouri. Of their twelve children eight are still living, and the family are now widely scattered: Emma, unmarried, at Leesburg; Randolph B.; Samuel, of Kansas; William, of Missouri; Perry, of North Dakota; John A. and Madison, twins, the former in Wyoming and the latter in Oklahoma; and Arthur, in Wyoming.

Randolph B. Allison grew up in Kosciusko County and attended public schools to the age of sixteen. Even before that he had been working and contributing his help to the support of the family. He has made his own way since early youth.

On July 15, 1882, Mr. Allison married Miss Leuesa Stemler. Mrs. Allison was born at North Webster August 14, 1866, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Arnold) Stemler. Her parents were both natives of Germany. Her father came to this country when a young man and her mother with her parents. They married in Ohio and from there moved to North Webster. Jacob Stemler became widely known in that community. He was the first shoemaker to locate in the town, and being a man of expert skill he had a large trade and continued active in the work until advanced years over-

took him. He was a charter member of the Evangelical Church and a trustee. His wife died in 1893, while he passed away in 1901. In the Stemler family were eight children, four of whom died young. Catherine, the oldest of those who grew up, married Hiram Kindle. The second, Mary, is the wife of John Webber, of Nappanee, Indiana; Emma is the wife of Lewis Baugher; Leuesa, the youngest, is Mrs. Allison. Mrs. Allison was educated in the common schools.

After his marriage Mr. Allison supported his little family by monthly wages, and for two years lived in Kansas. On returning to this country he again resumed his program of work by the day. His first purchase of land was ten acres and it was paid for by his wages. He then bought ten acres more, also rented ground, and finally acquired sixty acres, and has gradually built up the Lakeside Farm, which is widely known for its fine Norman horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison have one daughter, Elizabeth. She is now the wife of Milo Daniels, and lives in Elkhart, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels have four children: Ruth E., Mary E., Louise, and C. Wilber.

The family are members of the Evangelical Church at North Webster, and Mr. Allison is one of the trustees and a class leader, and for twenty years was superintendent of its Sunday school. In politics he votes as a democrat. He is one of the directors of the Farmers State Bank at North Webster.

H. G. Mickey, whose home is at Pierceton, has been successfully identified with Kosciusko County for practically all the years of his life, was formerly a farmer, but is now one of the leading contractors in cement work and especially in bridge building. Mr. Mickey is especially well known in Washington Township on account of his long and creditable service as township assessor.

Mr. Mickey was born in Kosciusko County, west of Silver Lake, April 6, 1864, son of Isaac and Mary (Bryan) Mickey. His father was a native of Pennsylvania and his mother of Ohio. They married in Ohio, and coming to Indiana settled on a farm in Kosciusko County, where they spent the rest of their years. They were very active church members, and he was identified with the republican party, though never as an aspirant for office. Of their seven children three are still living: Mary, wife of Samuel Funk, of Warsaw; Martha J., wife of Joseph Scott, of Ludlow, six miles southeast of Warsaw; and H. G. Mickey.

H. G. Mickey spent his early life on a farm near Ludlow, was educated in the public schools there and lived with his parents until he was twenty years old. When he started out for himself he had no capital but diligence and readiness to accept responsibilities, and confidence in his own powers have taken him steadily along the road to success. He began farming as a renter, and was identified with agriculture as his chief vocation until 1914, when he formally took up contracting in cement and bridge building.

October 18, 1888, Mr. Mickey married Miss Ida M. Hover, a native of Kosciusko County. Three children are still living: Ralph

E., a graduate of the common schools and married and living in Kosciusko County; Lawrence R., a graduate of the common schools and still single; and Mary M., wife of Byron Davis. The family are members of the United Brethren Church at Wooster, Indiana. Mr. Mickey has served as superintendent of the Sunday school for twenty years and in church as well as in civic affairs has always tried to do his utmost. In politics he is a republican, but has only sought to do his duty as a trustworthy voter in politics and as a worker for community progress. He was elected township assessor for four years, held the office for six years altogether, and later was again elected for a term of four years, so that when he resigned in the spring of 1918 to engage in bridge building he had filled a term aggregating ten years.

LEVI SWICK. The community to which Levi Swick has contributed his energies as a successful farmer and as an upright and straight-forward citizen is in Seward Township, his valuable farm being five and a half miles northeast of Akron on rural route No. 2.

Mr. Swick was born in Wyandot County, Ohio, March 7, 1859, son of William and Mary (Shoop) Swick. His father was born in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, December 24, 1812, and his mother in Stark County, Ohio, September 1, 1817. They were married August 17, 1837, and in the fall of 1860 they moved to Indiana and located on a farm near Beaver Dam Lake. That community had the benefit of this industrious family until the death of Mrs. Mary Swick on June 15, 1885. The father then moved to Silver Lake, and spent his last years on the farm now owned by his son Levi, where he died December 9, 1897. Both the parents were very active workers and members of the Church of God, and in politics William Swick gave his allegiance to the democratic party. He and his wife had eleven children, six sons and five daughters, named: Mary, Elizabeth, Catherine, Henry, Samuel, John, Drana, Alpheus, George, Levi and Lucinda. All are still living except Mary and Catherine.

Levi Swick was about a year old when brought to Indiana. As he grew to manhood he attended the district schools and lived in the home circle and shared in the responsibilities and work of the home farm until a short time after his mother's death. He then established a home of his own by his marriage on November 8, 1885, to Miss Maggie Wiece. She was born in the Republic of Switzerland January 31, 1867, and was a young girl of sixteen when in 1883 she came to the United States with her mother. She lived near Silver Lake until her marriage, and her education was acquired in the schools of her native land. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Swick rented the old Swick farm for five years, and then with the other heirs bought the father's farm. It has been their home now for over thirty years, and eighty acres of excellent land have responded to the care and cultivation of Mr. Swick, though in recent years some of the heavier labors have been assumed by his sturdy sons. There are three boys in the family: Ira, born October 21, 1888, is a graduate of the common schools, and is a resident of Seward Township.

He married Goldie Jenkins. Sherman, the second son, born June 3, 1892, married Viola Young and lives in Miami County, Indiana. Percy W., born October 6, 1895, is a graduate of the common schools and is now doing much of the farm work for his father. He married Olive M. Reddinger. Mrs. Swick is a member of the Church of God. Politically Mr. Swick votes as a democrat, and has always taken an active interest in local affairs and in questions of public policy.

BENJAMIN F. WILLIAMSON. The community of Packerton recognizes in Benjamin F. Williamson one of its most important personages, a man of usefulness to the entire community. He is a veteran of the telegraph key, having been operator and agent in railroad service for a number of years. He is still connected in that capacity with the Nickel Plate Railway, but is also a farmer and stock raiser at Packerton.

Mr. Williamson was born at Burket in Seward Township of Kosciusko County January 13, 1886, son of John H. and Sarah A. (Byers) Williamson. His father was born in Miami County, Indiana, and his mother in Johnson County. Benjamin F. Williamson has a common school education and attended Burket High School three years. It was his early ambition to become a railroad man and he entered the service through the avenue of telegraphy, which he learned in one of the local offices. For a year and a half he was agent and operator for the Nickel Plate at Bremen and was then transferred to Packerton, both as agent and operator, and remained here steadily for seven and a half years. At present he is performing the duties of operator at Claypool, though his home is at Packerton.

In 1907 Mr. Williamson married Zora C. Borton, who was born near Mentone, Indiana, and was educated in the common schools. Mr. Williamson's home at Packerton comprises a well-improved farm of forty-three acres, where he has a modern home and all the facilities for his business as a stock raiser. He specializes in hogs, and is rapidly earning a place among the stockmen of the county.

He is a member of the United Brethren Church at Packerton, has served as class leader and superintendent of the Sunday school, and he and his wife have done much to uphold the various moral and religious activities of their community. In politics he votes as a republican.

PERRY SILVEUS. Thirty-four years' residence in Kosciusko County gives Mr. Silveus many interesting as well as honorable associations here, and his enterprise as a farmer, his kindly and genial disposition and his public spirit have earned him a place of esteem in Seward Township, where he owns one of the best farms, four and a half miles west and half a mile south of Silver Lake.

Mr. Silveus is of a Virginia family and was born in Rockingham County of that state August 8, 1858, a son of William and Susanna (Tusing) Silveus. His parents were born in Virginia, grew up and married there, and soon afterward moved to Indiana and located in

Kosciusko County. The first summer was a dispiriting one to them, especially in the matter of climate, and they went back to Virginia. About the close of the Civil War they came west again, locating near Tiffin, Ohio, for four years. Again they spent a season of four years in Virginia, and after that lived one year in Seneca County, Ohio, and then moved to Henry County, Ohio, where the parents spent their last years. They were very active members of the Baptist Church, and William Silveus was a democrat. There were eleven children, five of whom are still living: Simon A., a retired farmer at Warsaw; Perry; John, a carpenter living in California; Menassa, a Baptist minister and a farmer; Amos, a farmer in Ohio.

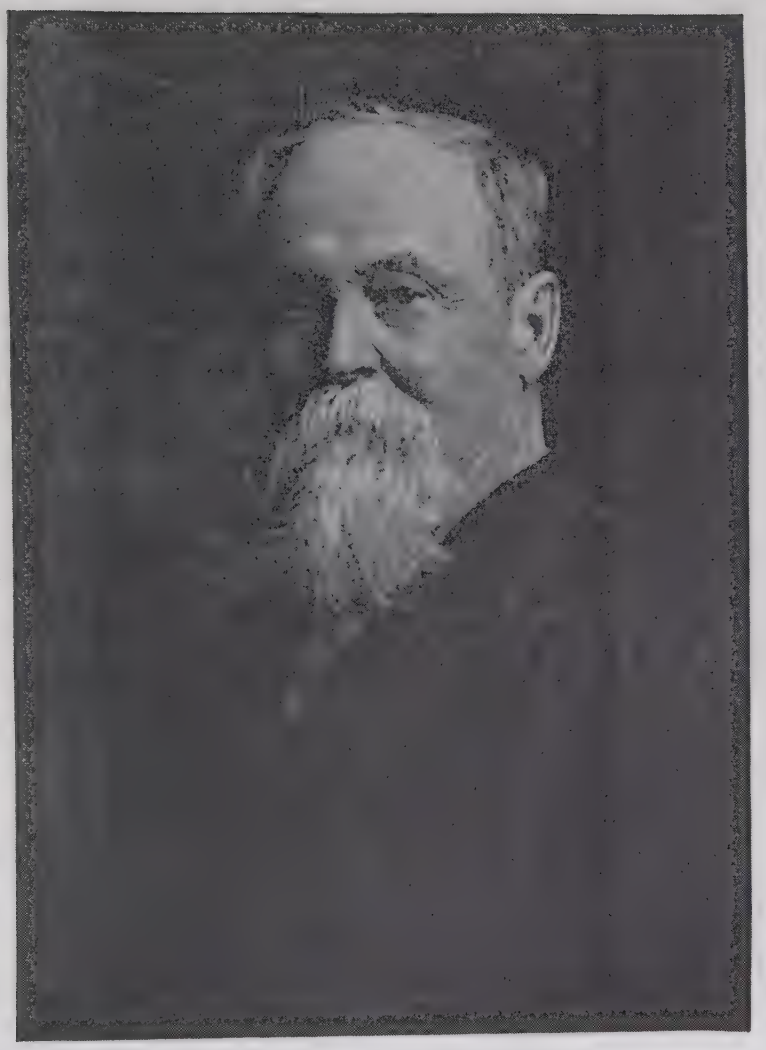
Perry Silveus spent most of his boyhood and youth in Seneca and Henry counties, Ohio. The district schools there gave him his education until he was thirteen years of age, and after that he sturdily helped his father on the home farm until he was past twenty-three. January 22, 1882, Mr. Silveus married Della J. Steward, of Henry County, Ohio, where she was born January 4, 1864, daughter of Thomas Steward.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Silveus lived on a farm in Henry County, Ohio, for two years and then settled in Kosciusko County, near Milford in Van Buren Township. Later they bought a farm in Jefferson Township, and that was their home until 1907, when they came to their present happy location in Seward Township. Mr. Silveus has 120 acres of land, and it is thoroughly developed according to methods and principles of modern and efficient farming. In politics he is a democrat.

BURLINGTON D. HIBSCHMAN. In giving honor where honor is due more than passing mention should be granted Burlington D. Hibschman, who began life empty-handed and has accumulated a good property by dint of energetic and well-directed effort. The Civil war, in taking its great toll of death, left many lads fatherless at a time when they needed not only the material support but the moral direction of the elder men. Many of these youths were forced to fight their own way through life, and of this class Mr. Hibschman, who is now one of the substantial agriculturists of the vicinity of Warsaw, is an excellent example.

Mr. Hibschman was born in Kosciusko County, Indiana, February 11, 1859, and is a son of Henry and Sarah J. (Bolin) Hibschman. His paternal grandfather was a native of Pennsylvania who moved to Indiana at a very early day and settled on a farm, where he passed the remainder of his life, while his maternal grandfather was Elisha Bolin, who passed the greater part of his active life in the country in Wabash County, Indiana, where his death occurred. Henry Hibschman was born in Ohio, and was still a youth when brought by his parents to Kosciusko County. In young manhood he had learned the trade of stone mason, and this trade he was following when the Civil war came on and his patriotism led him to enlist. In 1862 he became a member of the Seventy-Fourth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served bravely and faithfully until the battle of Chicka-

Martha. A. Barber.



T. B. Sarber.

mauga, September 19, 1863, on which bloody field he lost his life. Mr. Hibschman was a republican in his political views, and a member of the United Brethren Church, to which Mrs. Hibschman also belongs. She was born in Wabash County, Indiana, and now makes her home at Warsaw, having reached the advanced age of eighty-one years. They were the parents of two children: Burlington D.; and Mrs. Edith Hollaway, who lives at Warsaw.

The educational advantages of Burlington D. Hibschman were not numerous, as he was not five years of age when his father, who had accumulated only a small property, lost his life. However, the lad made the most of his opportunities as granted in the country schools, and early learned to be self reliant and independent. His early training was on the farm, and it was but natural that he should adopt an agricultural career. He was married in 1882 to Miss E. M. McKinsis, and to this union were born two children, Angie and Erba. They were industrious and thrifty and saved their earnings carefully, so that by 1900 they were able to realize their ambition to become landholders, in that year purchasing their present property, a tract of 100 acres, all paid for by their hard and persistent labor. Under modern methods he is making a success of his operations, and now grows all the small grains in addition to breeding and shipping cattle, hogs, sheep and horses. His buildings are commodious and attractive, his machinery modern, and everything about the place gives evidence of the presence of thrift and good management. Politically Mr. Hibschman is a republican, but he has been so busily engaged with his farm work that he has found no time to enter politics as a seeker for office, atlhough all good movements have received his hearty and generous support. With his family he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has held a number of offices.

THOMAS B. SARBER. Now spending his declining years on his farm in Seward Township, enjoying peace and comfort, Thomas B. Sarber is one of the older residents of Kosciusko County, and the years have dealt kindly with him, but only to the extent of his deserts and the value of his citizenship. His home is in section 22, four miles west of Claypool.

Mr. Sarber was born in Harrison Township of this county October 4, 1842, a son of Abraham and Louisa (Hendren) Sarber. His parents were married in Franklin County, Ohio, and two years later sold their farm in that county and moved to Putnam County in the same state, where for a time they lived with their nearest neighbors ten miles away. Abraham Sarber was not only a pioneer in reclaiming the wilderness of Putnam County, but also laid out and founded the Town of Kalida, which has since grown and prospered and is the county seat. In 1836 he sold his Ohio interests and moved to Iroquois County, Illinois, and after four years in the Prairie State came in the fall of 1840 to Kosciusko County.

Here his residence was marked by equal activity and enterprise.

In 1841 he built a sawmill at Palestine, and in 1843 built a grist mill. His sawmill in 1843 supplied the lumber for the first frame courthouse of Kosciusko County. The Sarber mills were the first institutions of any importance in the south side of Kosciusko County. He sold those properties in the fall of 1843 and bought a farm on the north side of Harrison Township. In 1863, after the death of his first wife, he bought a farm near Atwood and property in that town, and lived there until his death, February 27, 1880. For his second wife he married Miss Eliza Crane. They had one son, David. Abraham and Louisa Sarber were the parents of eight children: William, Adam, Melissa, Amanda, Mary, Thomas B., Dorothy and John.

Thomas Benton Sarber grew up and spent most of his youth in Harrison Township on the old farm in section 4. The district schools furnished him his educational opportunities until he was sixteen, and during 1858-59 he was one of the first students in the public graded school at Warsaw, when that school was taught by D. T. Johnson and wife. Farming experience followed his education and on May 24, 1863, at the age of twenty-one, he married Miss Martha A. Timmons, daughter of William and Catherine Timmons, natives of Delaware and Maryland, respectively, who came from Fayette County, Ohio, in 1845 and settled in Wayne Township of Kosciusko County.

After his marriage Mr. Sarber spent a year in Eel River Township of Allen County, then lived for a year on a farm north of Hellers Corners, and in the spring of 1866 acquired forty acres included in the Sarber farm of Seward Township. This land was covered with heavy woods, and it was his task, worthily fulfilled, to clear it up and develop its possibilities as a productive farm. The only improvement on the land when he took possession was an old log cabin. Subsequent years brought him increase of comforts and prosperity, represented by the accumulation of a hundred acres of land, but most of this he has since sold his sons, and now retains only twenty acres as his individual home.

Mr. Sarber's name is prominently identified with the history of the Village of Burket. He built the first store there in the spring of 1882. He was also a passenger on the first train of cars in Seward Township. He has been an active party man as a democrat, but only once accepted the honor of nomination for an important office, in 1884, when as candidate for sheriff he ran way ahead of his ticket. He has also served as a member of the democratic committees.

Mr. Sarber was happily married for over half a century, and in 1913 he and his good wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Their companionship was continued five years longer until Mrs. Sarber died June 16, 1918. She was a devout member of the United Brethren church. To their marriage were born three children: Edson B., born March 11, 1864, a graduate of Valparaiso University, formerly a teacher, for thirteen years county superintendent of schools, and now connected with the Leonard Supply

Company. Edson Sarber married Miss Ollie Rickel, daughter of George W. and Mary Rickel. Louisa C., the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sarber, died in infancy. Andrew E., a native of Seward Township, was for many years a teacher in the county and is now engaged in farming and teaching. He married Ettie E. Anglin, daughter of S. D. Anglin, a former superintendent of public schools of this county. Thomas B. Sarber also has two grandchildren, Earl F. and Beulah May, son and daughter of Andrew E. and Etta E. Sarber. Earl F., born October 21, 1889, worked on the farm in the summer and attended school at Burket in the winter until the winter of 1908 and 1909, when he finished his course in the Warsaw high school. On September 9, 1916, he was married to Miss Edna, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. William Vernett, of Marshall County, Indiana. To them was born a daughter, March 4, 1918, named Ettiemae, and she is the delight of all her relations and always has a sweet smile for her great-grandfather. Beulah May, sister of Earl, was born on the 10th of January, 1898. She has always been a diligent student, ever at the head of her classes, and she graduated from the high school at Burket in 1914, after which she spent two terms in Winona College. It was while there that her health failed, and she went to Hinsdale Sanitarium, Hinsdale, Illinois, where she regained her health and was so favorably impressed with the institution that she is remaining there for a three years' training course in scientific nursing.

A bright future is predicted for Earl and Beulah Sarber. Earl is a successful young farmer and Beulah will make good at anything she undertakes. Thomas B. Sarber may well be proud of his posterity. In his religious views Mr. Sarber is a devout Seventh Day Adventist.

Ernest B. Williamson is the telegraph operator and railroad agent at Burkett, and also owner and manager of the Evergreen Stock Farm adjoining that village—all of which makes him one of the most useful and prominent men of that community. Mr. Williamson is a young man, of exceptional business enterprise and energy, and for a number of years has been engaged in the great essential industry of railroading.

He was born in Seward Township of this county January 19, 1882, a son of John H. and Sarah A. (Beyers) Williamson. He grew up on his father's farm with such advantages as the district schools afforded, together with high school. As a boy he took up telegraphy, and has been employed as an operator or as operator and agent with this road fifteen years. However, there was an interval of two years when he was out of the service engaged in operating an elevator in Raber. He has a record of faithful and efficient service as a telegrapher, and is particularly a business man and has done much to build up the volume of traffic for his road at Burket. He is one of the stockholders in the Burkett Grain Elevator. His stock farm comprises fifty acres, and it is the home of some of the finest Duroc Jersey hogs in Kosciusko County. His male is a registered pedigreed

animal named Colonel Sampson. Besides his hogs Mr. Williamson has a flock of about 200 Rhode Island Red chickens.

He married Miss Minnie Mollenhour, who was born in Franklin Township of this county and is a graduate of the common schools. Their family of four children are Laura, Lena, Ward and Porter. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson are members of the Church of God and he is affiliated with the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and is a republican voter.

CHARLES C. CARTER started life with nothing but the strength of his hands and the ambition of his mind to make the best of circumstances, and has achieved a position of success and responsibilities in the community of Silver Lake, where he is a livestock dealer and an extensive farmer.

Mr. Carter was born at Michigan City in LaPorte County, Indiana, January 14, 1850, son of John G. and Mary (Windle) Carter, both natives of Virginia. He is of old Virginia stock. His grandparents were Robert E. and Catherine (Gatewood) Carter. Robert E. Carter was at one time a principal in a leading military school in Virginia and volunteered his services with the United States Army in the war with Mexico and gave up his life during that struggle. John G. Carter grew up in Virginia and as a young man came to Indiana and located in LaPorte County. He was a practical printer by trade, and became interested in a newspaper at Michigan City. Later he removed to Newton County, Indiana, took up farming and spent the rest of his life in that section of the state. He was a democrat in politics. Of his six children three are living: Catherine, wife of Francis Yeager, of Newton County; Jerome A., a farmer in Seward Township of this county and Charles C.

Charles C. Carter spent his boyhood in LaPorte and Newton counties. His education was supplied by the district schools. He was at home until twenty-six and left to begin life on his own account with no capital and with only the experience of a practical farm youth.

On December 31, 1884, he married Lillie M. Bull. She was born in Jasper County, Indiana, and grew up there, attending the district schools. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Carter were farm renters for nearly twenty years, and in that way they got their start in the world. In 1901 Mr. Carter bought 164 acres in Kosciusko County adjoining the Village of Silver Lake on the east, and has used that valuable farm as a basis for his extensive dealing in livestock. He has prospered, and throughout has relied on industry and good judgment to put him ahead in the world. He is also one of the directors of the Commercial State Bank of Silver Lake and is a stockholder in the Fort Wayne Rubber Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter have one daughter, Frances, wife of R. M. Fry of Silver Lake. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mr. Carter is one of its trustees. He is affiliated with Silver Lake Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has served as a Noble Grand and has sat in the Grand Lodge. Politically his faith is that of a democrat.

HON. HARRY W. KLINE, of Silver Lake, is a well known farmer and stock buyer in that section of Kosciusko County and is well known all over this part of the state as a leading man of affairs, influential in politics, and a former representative in the State Legislature.

Mr. Kline was born at Silver Lake June 29, 1873, a son of George W. and Mary (McClure) Kline. His father was born in Lake Township of this county in 1848, while his mother was born on the old McClure farm in Seward Township in 1852. Her parents were Elias and Mary A. (Freeman) McClure, McClure being one of the oldest and best esteemed names in the county. George W. Kline was reared on a farm and was for many years engaged as a teacher in the public schools.

Harry W. Kline acquired a good education in both the common and high schools of Silver Lake, and after graduating entered Valparaiso University. Mr. Kline, like his father, followed educational work for nine years in the local public schools. Some of his friends, admiring his many versatile qualities and his ability as a public speaker, induced him to enter politics in the campaign of 1902. He was placed in nomination for state representative and was elected in that year and re-elected in 1904, serving during the Sixty-Third and Sixty-Fourth General Assemblies. He was a member of several important committees and made a record highly creditable to himself and to his constituency. For four years Mr. Kline has served as vice chairman of the county central committee of the republican party.

Mr. Kline is a stockholder in the People's Telephone Company of Silver Lake, and his business energies are chiefly engaged in buying and shipping livestock. In that capacity he is known to nearly all the farmers in this and several adjoining counties.

Mr. Kline married Miss Iva Oldfather, daughter of H. L. Oldfather of Silver Lake. Mrs. Kline is a graduate of the common schools. They have two children: Marcus H., born March 26, 1902, is a graduate of the common schools and a student in the Silver Lake High School. Fanchon, the second child, was born in 1905 and has completed the work of the common schools. Mrs. Kline is a member of the United Brethren Church at Silver Lake. Fraternally he is affiliated with Denning Lodge No. 88, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Lake View Lodge No. 164, Knights of Pythias, in which he has passed all the chairs and has sat in the Grand Lodge, and is affiliated with Warsaw Lodge No. 802 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

HENRY A. MOYER is a former Supervisor of Seward Township, and owner of one of the good farms in that locality. It goes without saying that he has lived with honor and with a satisfactory degree of material success.

When he was thirteen he chose to support himself and help himself to those things for which his talents and work fitted him. He was born in the township where he still lives November 26, 1865, son of Henry and Rachel (Bowman) Moyer. His father was born in Pleasant Township of Wayne County, Ohio, February 1, 1823. His

mother was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, September 6, 1825. His parents were married November 28, 1847, and several years later they moved to Kosciusko County and settled in Seward Township. The father died here January 14, 1866, when his son Henry was only a few months old, and his widow subsequently married and moved to Texas. The record of the children of Henry and Rachel Moyer is as follows: Orlanda H., born March 17, 1850; Judson L., born May 3, 1852; Alonzo, born August 27, 1856; Andrew Y., born June 17, 1859; Oliver M., born April 24, 1861; Henry A., born November 26, 1865. It will be seen that Henry A. Moyer is the youngest of the children. After his father's death he lived on the home farm in Seward Township, and attended the district schools as opportunity offered during the winter terms. When he took upon himself the role of a self-supporting boy it was as a farm hand, at monthly wages, and he continued in that way until he was twenty-one.

September 11, 1887, Mr. Moyer married Miss Mary Skinner. She was born in Clay Township of this county November 26, 1865, and is therefore of the same age as her husband. She was educated in the common schools. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Moyer lived in Seward Township, where they bought a farm, and since then have been steadily making their way toward better home conditions and that larger usefulness which is represented by a good farm, a growing family, and an attitude of helpfulness in neighborly affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer have two living children: Pearl, born August 22, 1890, a graduate of the common and high schools, now the wife of Elza Heckman of Clay Township. Beatrice, the second daughter, was born October 22, 1892, is a graduate of the common schools and is the wife of Hershel Day of Seward Township.

The family are very active members of the United Brethren Church at Center, and Mr. Moyer is a class leader and for many years has been taking a large share of the responsibility in the Sunday school and other departments of the church. Mrs. Moyer is a teacher in the Sunday school. Mr. Moyer is affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees, and it was on the republican ticket that he was elected supervisor of the township. His farm comprises 166 acres of land, and the farm, its improvements and his fine home and family constitute an enviable record for a man who started life on his own resources as a poor boy.

Mrs. Mary Ford has an interesting place in the history of Kosciusko County, due to her long residence here, and also to the fact that she is directly connected with some of the most notable pioneers. Her father was Jacob Weirick, long one of the most prominent citizens of Franklin Township, and her husband, the late Callender Ford, was a member of a family of similar pioneer connections with this county. Mrs. Ford has one of the fine farm homes in Franklin Township, located a mile south and two miles west of Burket.

This branch of the Ford family originated in England and was

Callender Ford

transplanted to the American colonies before the Revolution. Four brothers served as patriot soldiers in the struggle for independence. One of them was George Ford of Virginia. Henry Ford, son of George, was born in Virginia, April 21, 1798, and married there June 20, 1822, Miss Phoebe Minear. She was born in Harrison County, in what is now West Virginia, November 3, 1802, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Minear, who were of English and German ancestry. Henry and Phoebe Ford had eleven children, named Lanty, Franklin, Elizabeth, John, Isaac, Noah, Eliza, Jacob, Shadrach, Callender and Daniel, the two last named being the last survivors. Seven of these children taught school, and three of them read and practiced medicine.

It was in 1836 that Henry Ford brought his family to Kosciusko County, first locating on the southeast quarter of section 35 in Franklin Township. His nearest neighbors were members of the Cook family three miles away. Later some New England families came to that neighborhood and the road came to be designated Yankee Street. Henry Ford lived there until 1858, having secured his land direct from the government at the price of a dollar and a quarter an acre. In 1858 he removed to section 13 of Franklin Township, and died there September 10, 1872, at the age of seventy-four. His wife died September 4, 1875. He was a justice of the peace, and he and his wife were active Methodists. In politics he was a democrat.

Callender Ford, husband of Mrs. Mary Ford, was born in Barbour County, West Virginia, April 9, 1832, and was about four years old when brought to Kosciusko County. He grew up in the midst of frontier conditions, and achieved a place of distinction during his mature life as a farmer and citizen. He married for his first wife Susanna E. Weirick, who died leaving one son. After her death he married Mary Weirick Ford, widow of Isaac Ford and daughter of Jacob and Margaret Weirick. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ford settled on a farm a mile north of Mount Pleasant in Clay Township, and in that locality spent eighteen or twenty years, then coming to Franklin Township and locating on the Jacob Weirick farm. Callender Ford died here in 1900.

Mrs. Ford's father, Jacob Weirick, was born in Union County, Pennsylvania, in 1811, a son of George and Elizabeth (Frederick) Weirick. George Weirick was born in Union County, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1773, and his wife was born January 24, 1780. They married in 1801. Elizabeth Weirick died in 1816, the mother of seven children, including Jacob. The latter's father married again and had twelve children. George Weirick died September 25, 1838.

Jacob Weirick grew up in Pennsylvania and in 1843 took his family to Richland County, Ohio, and in 1854 came to Franklin Township of Kosciusko County and bought 520 acres of land from Washington Bybee. That large farm he extensively improved and increased its area until he had over 1,000 acres, and the Weirick place, now divided into several farms, has long been one of the landmarks of progressive agriculture and improvement in the south-

west corner of the county. Jacob Weirick erected the second brick residence in the township in 1861. He was a man very much interested in educational and religious affairs, and from 1834 to 1864 he had taught school, pursuing that occupation in addition to his varied interests as a farmer and land owner. In Union County, Pennsylvania, September 2, 1841, Jacob Weirick married Margaret Smith, daughter of Leonard and Susannah (Brifogle) Smith. They were the parents of eight children: Susannah, Mary, Matilda, Amanda, Harriet, Emeline, Isabella and Florence. The first was born in Pennsylvania, the next four, including Mrs. Ford, were born in Ohio, and the last three in Indiana. They were all daughters, so that the male line of the Weirick family in this branch ended with Jacob Weirick. However, there are a number of grandsons and great-grandchildren of this honored pioneer and noble citizen of Kosciusko County.

One of the grandsons of Jacob Weirick and of the pioneer Henry Ford is Henry Ford, who for a number of years has managed the home of his mother in Franklin Township. He was born in Clay Township, May 19. 1877, son of Callender and Mary (Weirick) Ford. He received a common school education and also attended the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso for thirty weeks. He had some idea of preparing for a profession, but came home instead and took charge of his mother's farm, and has successfully managed it ever since. He is an active member of Mentone Lodge No. 576, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, is a republican voter, but has cared little for the honors of politics. His mother is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star As a family they own 320 acres of rich and productive land in Franklin and Wayne Townships, and other property elsewhere. Mrs. Ford is a stockholder in the Lake City Bank at Warsaw, and also owns some of the bonds of the Goshen Division of the Interurban Railway.

Frank Funk. One of the oldest farms in Prairie Township is that occupied by Mr. Frank Funk, who has spent most of his life in that township. His home is seven miles northwest of Warsaw, and besides the farm he is well known as a business man at Atwood.

Mr. Funk was born at Goshen, Indiana, March 3, 1852, son of Fred and Elizabeth (Bower) Funk. His grandparents were Frederick and Elizabeth (Darr) Funk. Fred Funk was born in Piqua County, Ohio, May 10, 1820, and was fourteen years of age when, in 1834, his parents pioneered to Northern Indiana and settled in Elkhart County. He grew up there, and on January 2, 1844, in Turkey Creek County of Kosciusko County, married Miss Elizabeth Bower. She was born in Richland County, Ohio, July 13, 1823. After their marriage they lived near Syracuse, and on selling their property there moved to Goshen, where Mr. Fred Funk was in the livery business a short time. Returning to Turkey Creek Township, he developed a good farm, and finally sold that property and moved to Leesburg. In 1861 he established his home in Prairie

Township, and in that locality both he and his wife lived out their years. He died September 4, 1904, and his wife September 14, 1905.

Their children were six in number, two of whom died in infancy. Clifford, who was born April 1, 1856, died April 21, 1877. Thomas, born February 13, 1858, died July 24, 1917, leaving a widow, Rebecca (Harshner) Funk, but no children. Eliza J. Funk, who was born February 6, 1849, and her brother Franklin are now the only surviving members of the family, and both reside on the old homestead. They were educated in the district schools and own some of the valuable property of Prairie Township. They have joint ownership of seventy acres, included in the old homestead, while Miss Funk owns in her own right 140 acres and Frank Funk has 120 acres near Atwood. Mr. Funk also operates a warehouse on his farm one mile from Atwood, and is an extensive buyer of hides, wool and junk.

Mrs. Mary C. Stout owns and occupies the old farm on which she spent her girlhood and also the years of her companionship with her late husband, William Stout. Mrs. Stout is mother of some noble sons and a daughter, and is one of the women properly considered in a work of this nature.

She was born on the farm where she now lives October 12, 1858, daughter of Moses and Jane A. (Sands) Loop. Her father was born in Wooster, Ohio, and her mother in Pennsylvania. They were married in Ohio and were early settlers in Kosciusko County, where they took a tract of land in the woods, cleared it up and improved it, and made it the farm which it is today. Moses Loop died December 2, 1891, and his wife on April 24, 1888.

Mary C. Loop grew up in the home of her parents, and on March 5, 1882, she became the wife of William Stout. He was just a year older than his bride, having been born in Paulding County, Ohio, June 13, 1857, son of Christian and Sarah (Haas) Stout. Christian Stout brought his family to Indiana in 1864, locating on a farm on Eel River, where his wife died the following year. Three years later Christian Stout came to Kosciusko County, married a second wife, and for many years lived in Seward Township. It was in the vicinity of Laketon in Wabash County that William Stout spent part of his boyhood, and came to manhood in Seward Township in this county. After his marriage he located on the old Loop farm and was its capable manager until his death April 7, 1903. He was one of the highly esteemed citizens of the county and a man of good business judgment and capable in all his relations with his fellow men. He voted as a democrat and at one time served as a member of the advisory board.

Mrs. Stout's four children are noted briefly as follows: Elsie, the only daughter, married Loren Yocum, and is living near Etna Green, Indiana. The son, Robert R., is a graduate of the common schools and lives in Seward Township. He married Hazel Wyncoop. Walter M., the second son, is a graduate of the local high school, of Indiana University with the degrees of A. B. and A. M. and also received the Doctor of Medicine degree from the State Uni-

versity. He is now serving in the Medical Reserve Corps with the rank of captain at Fort Riley, Kansas. The youngest of the family, Wilbur C. Stout, is a graduate of the high school at Silver Lake and has assumed most of the responsibilities in managing the home farm for his mother. This farm comprises 300 acres, and is regarded as one of the most valuable individual estates in Seward Township. Wilbur C. Stout married Pearl E. Minear. Mrs. Stout also has three grandchildren.

HORACE G. THOMAS is a prosperous farmer in Franklin Township, and his home place, devoted to grain and stock raising, comprises 115½ acres in section 31, a mile or so west of Beaver Dam Lake.

Mr. Thomas was born near Pendleton in Madison County, Indiana, August 5, 1863, a son of Abner and Margaret (Cateran) Thomas, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. The respective families came to Indiana and located in Madison County near the old town of Pendleton, where Abner and Margaret grew up and married. They settled on a farm near there, but in 1863, soon after the birth of their son Horace, moved to Franklin Township of Kosciusko County and established their home on a farm in section 6. The father died here in 1881 and the mother in 1880. They were members of the Church of the Winbernarian, and he was a Past Noble Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was an active republican, and at one time filled the office of justice of the peace. He and his wife had five children: Edward E., of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Horace G.; William C., of Chicago; Mary, wife of Thad K. Martin, living in Ohio; while the fifth and youngest child died in infancy.

Horace G. Thomas grew up on a farm near Beaver Dam and attended the local schools. At the death of his parents he was thrown upon his own resources and was still under age. He worked for a time on the farm of John C. Meredith and later for Albert L. Tucker, and during a number of hard years of work for others gained the experience and the reputation for ability which constituted his best capital when he started for himself.

In December, 1890, Mr. Thomas married Miss Philana Petry. She was born on the farm where she is now living and was educated in the common schools. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have steadily gone ahead toward better circumstances, and have now equipped their farm until it ranks high in the productive scale, and constitutes one of the enviable country homes of the county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are active members of the United Brethren Church at Beaver Dam, and he serves as a church trustee. In politics he is a republican and has been a member of the township advisory board.

They have had three children. Charles H., died after reaching his majority and when a most promising career was open to him; Mary E., attended the Akron High School and is the wife of Merle Tucker; Olga M., is a graduate of the Beaver Dam High School, lives at home and is a teacher in the local schools.

CLARENCE A. HELVEY is a careful and enterprising farmer in Jackson Township four miles northeast of North Manchester, and represents an old and well-known name in that township and also over the Wabash County line in Chester Township.

He was born in the latter township of Wabash County February 24, 1881, a son of Champion S. and Lillian (Enyeart) Helvey. Both parents were born in Chester Township, Champion Helvey in 1854. The name Helvey occurs as frequently as that of any other family in connection with the pioneer settlement of Wabash County. There were several brothers of the name, Champion, Richard and others, who pioneered into that locality during the sixties.

Champion Helvey and wife still live on their farm in Chester Township. They are active members of the United Brethren Church and he is a republican. Of the nine children eight are still living: Mrs. Nora Perry; Clarence A.; Maude, wife of Clarence Hector, of Montana; Sarah, wife of Winfield Parker, living in North Dakota; John R., who is with the United States Army at Camp Taylor, Kentucky; Laura; Cuba, at home with her parents; Russell in the United States Navy.

Clarence Helvey is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a republican in politics. On his farm in Jackson Township he is breeding Shorthorn cattle, but divides his efforts among the general branches of farming.

CHARLES E. LEEDY, M. D. Representing one of the oldest and most honored names in Kosciusko County, Dr. Charles E. Leedy has spent his life here and for twenty years has served an increasing number of the community in and around Pierceton as a physician and surgeon.

Doctor Leedy was born on a farm a mile and a half north of Pierceton February 11, 1870, a son of Ephraim and Sarah (Devenny) Leedy. Both parents were natives of the State of Ohio and came to Kosciusko County when young with their respective families. After their marriage they settled on a farm southwest of Pierceton and Ephraim Leedy was for many years one of the men whose names were most intimately and familiarly associated with progressive things in agricultural achievements. He and his wife became the parents of five children: Dr. Charles E.; Edwin, who is general immigration agent for the Great Northern Railway; Dela, wife of Arthur Munson; Chester A., a fruit rancher in Washington; and Josie M., deceased.

Doctor Leedy spent his boyhood days on a farm near Pierceton, attended the local schools and high school, and prepared for work as a teacher by attending the normal school at Valparaiso. After four years of work as a teacher in his home county, he took up the study of medicine in the Detroit Medical College, from which he was graduated M. D. May 4, 1897. Since that date he has been one of the hard working physicians at Pierceton, and more and more his abilities have come to be appreciated and his service broadened over the surrounding country. Doctor Leedy has served as president of the

Kosciusko County Medical Society, and has always kept in close touch with professional affairs.

Besides the business of his profession he might also be classed as a practical farmer and stock raiser. He owns 120 acres of land and has given much attention to the breeding and raising of high grade Shorthorn cattle. Doctor Leedy married in 1897 Clara Moody, who was born in New York state, but has lived in Kosciusko County since early girlhood. Dr. and Mrs. Leedy are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In Masonry he is affiliated with the lodge at Pierceton, with the Chapter, Council and Commandery at Warsaw, and with the Scottish Rite at Fort Wayne. He is also a Past Grand in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a member of the Knights of Pythias, and in politics casts his vote as a democrat.

Sabin V. Robison. One of the most capable farmers and citizens of Tippecance Township is Sabin V. Robison, who has earned the respect and esteem of his fellow men.

He was born in the township May 16, 1863, son of Vincent and Joanna (Gordon) Robison. Both parents were natives of Perry County, Pennsylvania, the father born in 1800 and the mother on June 29, 1825. The Gordons were a prominent family of pioneers in Northeastern Indiana. Joanna Gordon was a daughter of Thomas D. and Elizabeth (Bull) Gordon, the former born October 6, 1788. and the latter on March 31, 1788. They came west and settled in Sugar Creek Township of Wayne County, Indiana, where her father was a cabinet maker. In 1833 he moved to Kosciusko County and spent the rest of his days here.

Sabin V. Robison is the only living child of his parents. He attended public schools and also took a commercial course. Mr. Robison married Lulu E. Brenneman, who was born in Whitley County, Indiana, May 2, 1864. After his marriage he lived on a farm a couple of years, then conducted a store at North Webster four years, and in 1893 went on the road as a traveling salesman and general agent for the Plano Harvester Works. He was with that firm until 1897, when he joined the Deering Harvester Company, and in 1902 was appointed manager of that company at Elmira, New York, where he remained three years. He was then with the Eastern Rock Island Plow Company until January, 1913, and was two years in the hardware business at Leesburg, Indiana. He has since settled down to farming.

Mrs. Robison is a daughter of Abraham and Jane (North) Brenneman. Her father was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and her mother in Champaign County, Ohio. After their marriage in Ohio they moved to Whitley County, Indiana, and settled near South Whitley, and about 1873 located near Oswego in Kosciusko County, where they died. Mr. and Mrs. Robison are the parents of four children, two of whom are deceased. The living are Rolland, who is in the hardware business at Leesburg, and Garland, who is married and resides at home, but is now in a training camp of the United States army.

AUGUST C. CAIN is one of the prospering and progressive farmer citizens of Etna Township, and his intensively cultivated farm of forty acres 5½ miles northeast of Etna Green is known as the Clover Leaf Farm.

Mr. Cain was born at Tippecanoe County, Indiana, January 10, 1881, a son of William and Mary (Miller) Cain. His parents were both born at Michigan City, Indiana, his father June 22, 1856, and his mother in September, 1860. Both are still living, and their family of children are as follows: Christ Cain of Scott Township; August C.; William of Kosciusko County; Lydia, deceased; Edward; Benjamin H.; Martha, deceased; Sylvia, wife of T. Growcock; James, who lives in Denver, Indiana, and Anna, unmarried and at home with her parents.

August C. Cain grew up on a farm and had a common school education, supplemented by one year in the high school. March 2, 1907, he married Miss Maude Huffman. For the past ten years they have been working steadily to the improvement of their conditions, acquired the nucleus of a good farm, and have a long vista of prosperous and useful years ahead of them. Mr. and Mrs. Cain live in a new modern home and are highly esteemed in their community. They are members of the Church of God, and Mr. Cain is a republican and a member of the Horse Thief Detective Association. For three years he served in the National Guard at Monticello, Indiana, Company A, Third Indiana Regiment.

GEORGE A. WALTERS has that degree of material prosperity represented by the ownership of a good farm of 120 acres, and this proprietorship is the more significant of his thrift and industry when it is stated that he made the farm altogether as the result of his efforts, and taking the land in the woods cleared away year after year an additional space for cultivation and has put every improvement upon the land which enhances its value.

The Walters family reside at the farm three and a half miles west and half a mile south of Claypool on Rural Route No. 1, in Seward Township. Mr. Walters was born in Knox County, Ohio, January 29, 1864, a son of Edward and Hannah (Dean) Walters. The family came to Kosciusko County in 1874 and located on a farm in Seward Township. The parents died here. They had seven sons: Abe, Levi, Joseph, William, Isaac, George and Albert.

George A. Walters was ten years old when he came to Kosciusko County. His early education begun in Ohio, was continued in the local schools here, and he was at home up to the age of nineteen.

When Mr. Walters left home his material possessions consisted of a single dollar and some clothing wrapped up in a newspaper. Further than that he had his experience in various kinds of farm work, and he put this experience to test by hiring out to other farmers at wages of $14 or $15 a month. For seven years he labored for others, and the savings from his work he invested in twenty-three acres of land. That was his first purchase, and about that time he married, and thirty years have sufficed to give him his present farm and all its

improvements, and at the same time he has provided a good home and reared his children to lives of usefulness and honor.

August 18, 1888, Mr. Walters married Miss Susanna Adams. Their children are: Mertie M., wife of Harry Taylor; Harley G., who married Nerley Hinsey; Artie, who married Ella Engle; and Roy, who is still at home. Mr. Walters is a republican voter.

FREEMAN E. CRIPE is an Indiana man by birth and training, grew up on a farm, and has found increasing scope for his usefulness and service with the passing years. He is the leading doctor of veterinary surgery in Jackson Township, and combines his large practice with the operation of a farm where he resides two miles east of Sidney.

Doctor Cripe was born in Carroll County, Indiana, September 4, 1885, a son of Chris and Barbara (Wagoner) Cripe. His father was born in Carroll County on the same farm where he now lives. The mother was a native of Tippecanoe County. They have spent their married lives in Carroll County and are active members of the Church of the Brethren, and in politics the father is a republican. They had five children: Dr. Earl J., who is now in training camp in the medical service of the United States Army; Curtis E., a farmer in Wabash County; Dr. Freeman E.; Claude, a farmer in Carroll County; and Floyd, who is in the army at Camp Taylor, Kentucky.

Freeman E. Cripe grew up on a farm, and early evinced that fondness for animals and their care which was the basis of his professional interests. He was educated in the common schools, also in the North Manchester College, and from there entered the Veterinary College at Indianapolis, from which he graduated in 1911 with the degree D. V. M. He practiced about a year at Nappanee, Indiana, but in August, 1912, came to Sidney, and in connection with his profession operates a large stock farm of 160 acres two miles east of that town.

August 4, 1912, Doctor Cripe married Miss Nora Ross, member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in this part of Kosciusko County. She was educated in the common schools and took musical instruction at the North Manchester College. They have one daughter, Helen, born June 5, 1915. Dr. and Mrs. Cripe are members of the Church of the Brethren.

Robert Ross, father of Mrs. Cripe, is now living retired at Kinsey in Jackson Township. He was born in Clarke County, Ohio, December 17, 1843, a son of George and Hannah (Heckman) Ross. His father was born in Virginia in April, 1815, in early manhood moved to Clarke County, Ohio, where he married, and after his marriage settled in Clarke County, then spent two years in Shelby County, Ohio, then again rented a farm two years in Clarke County, and in September, 1849, brought his family to Kosciusko County. He had come to Jackson Township in the fall of 1848, secured land and erected a hewed log cabin in the woods. To this little home he introduced his family, and on that farm he spent the rest of his life. He was a man of very sturdy mold, active, energetic, acquired about 560 acres of land, and was also a force in the moral uplift of that part

of the county. He always voted as a republican after the organization of that party. In his family were two sons and four daughters, the daughters being now deceased, while the sons, Robert and John Ross, are both residents of Jackson Township.

Robert Ross was about six years old when brought to Jackson Township, and he spent part of his early life in the log cabin home of his father and attended the nearby district schools at Sidney. On December 31, 1868, he married Susan Snell. The name Snell is also associated in the pioneer settlement of this section of Kosciusko County. Susan Snell was born in Jackson Township June 6, 1848, daughter of John and Magdalena (Brower) Snell. Her father was born in Augusta County, Virginia, in 1809, and her mother in Rockingham County in the same state in 1812. After their marriage in Virginia they moved to Ohio in 1830, settling in Preble County, and while there six children were born to them. In 1844 the Snell family came to Kosciusko County, and here John and Magdalene spent their last years. Of their family of eleven children four are still living: Susan Ross; John, of Wabash County; Samuel, who lives in Ohio; and Catherine, wife of Reuben Frantz, of North Manchester.

Robert Ross after his marriage located on his farm, and that was his home and the scene of his activities as a prosperous farmer for forty-four years, operating 289 acres. When he retired he moved to the Village of Kinsey. He is a republican. He and his wife had four children: Alonzo, a farmer in Jackson township; Amos W., a graduate of North Manchester College and of Mount Morris College in Illinois, now serving as a missionary in India; Elmer C., a farmer in Jackson Township; and Nora, Mrs. Cripe. Robert Ross is a member of the Church of the Brethren and one of its deacons.

Calvin O. Ketrow, of Jackson Township, has had a most interesting range of experience during his life. He had to shift for himself from an early age, but in spite of handicaps and disadvantages secured a liberal education, and has been a farmer, a public official, a salesman, and has satisfactorily solved practically all the problems of life as they have presented themselves. He now owns and occupies one of the good farms in Jackson Township, south of Sidney, and is carrying his share of public responsibilities in the office of township trustee.

Mr. Ketrow was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, January 20, 1865, son of Allen and Susanna (Ramsey) Ketrow. His parents were natives of the same county and state. The father died in 1868, when Calvin was only three years old. In 1869 he was sent to live with a family named Bond, and their home was near Mexico in Miami County, Indiana. It was in that vicinity that he first attended school, and he grew up practically among strangers. His ambition led him to acquire a better education than could be furnished by the common schools, and he attended the State Normal and passed a successful examination for a teacher's license in Whitley County. Instead of taking up teaching, he went to work on a farm in Whitley County, and in 1885 married Miss Nellie M. Warner, of Kosciusko County.

For a time he was engaged in the live stock and butcher business at South Whitley, spent one year in Pierceton, rented a farm and employed himself in different ways as a means of making a living and getting a real start in life. Finally he bought a farm, and for a number of years has given close and skillful cultivation to his land.

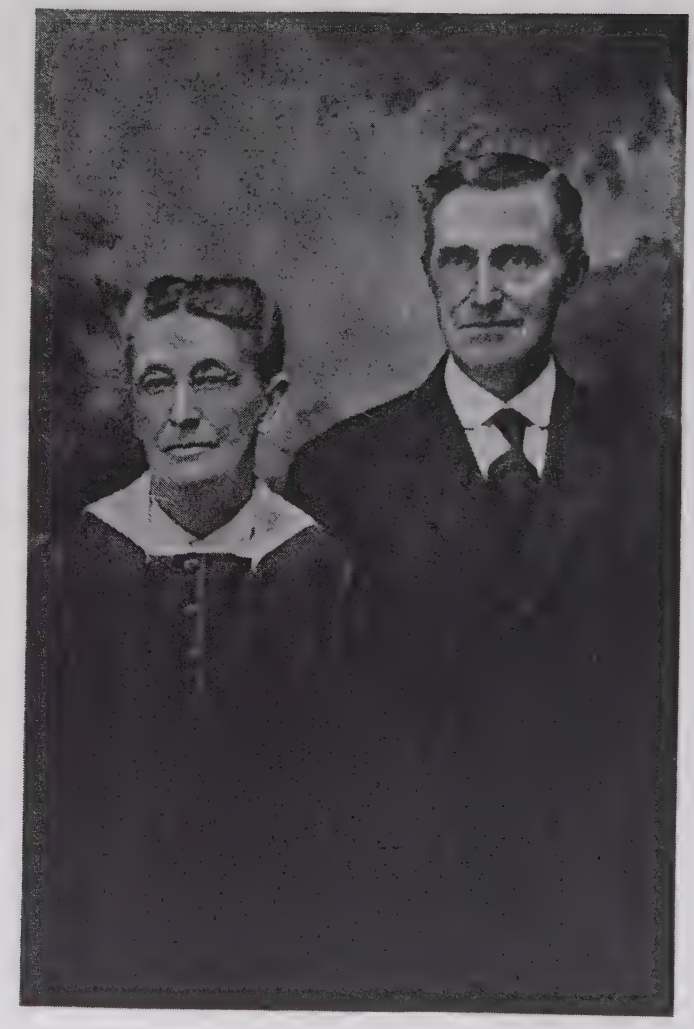
Mr. and Mrs. Ketrow have one son, Ernest E., born in 1886. He is a graduate of the common schools and is now a machinist in the foundry shop of the American Can Company at Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Ketrow was a deacon in the Church of the Brethren, in affiliated with Sidney Lodge No. 579, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, also with the Royal Arch Chapter at North Manchester, and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Since early manhood he has given his enthusiastic support to the republican party and its principles. He has worked for the good of the community and has received several important honors at the hands of his fellow citizens. During the legislative session of 1901 he served as journal clerk in the House. When the office of trustee in Jackson Township became vacant through the resignation of James Thompson, Mr. Ketrow was appointed his successor in November, 1914, and filled out the unexpired term ending in January, 1919. He has used this opportunity to render some effective service in looking after the best interests of the local schools, and is one of the best qualified men who ever occupied the trusteeship in that township.

Loyal W. Dome is upholding his end of farm enterprise in Jackson Township, is a citizen whose public spirit is appreciated in that community, and at the request of his friends he recently became a candidate for township trustee on the democratic ticket. Mr. Dome's farm is three-quarters of a mile north of Sidney.

The Dome family has been in Kosciusko County for over sixty-five years. His grandfather, Isaac C. Dome, was born in Elkhart County, Indiana, April 10, 1832. Isaac's grandfather died in Indiana, so that this state has had at least five generations of the Dome family among its residents. Isaac Dome went to California in 1850 with his father, traveling overland, and they had many adventures and experienced much of the excitement and hardship of California life. Isaac Dome returned home in the spring of 1852, bringing with him less than a thousand dollars, representing the profit of his experience in the west. A few weeks later he bought forty acres of land in Wayne Township of Kosciusko County, built a log cabin, and on December 18, 1853, married Mary J. Huff, who was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1835. Isaac Dome moved out to Missouri in 1865, but remained there only a short time and then returned to Kosciusko County and settled in Monroe Township. His first wife died in this county, and her only son was George W. Dome.

George W. Dome was born in this county February 19, 1856, grew up here, and married Miss Ada Messmore. She was born in Kosciusko County December 17, 1856, and died in October, 1896. After their marriage they settled on a farm in Jackson Township, but later removed to Warsaw, where George W. Dome is serving as



Henry L. Oldfather

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street commissioner. He is an active member of the Christian Church. He and his wife had two children, Chalmer R., a resident of Warsaw, and Loyal W.

Loyal W. Dome was born in Jackson Township December 30, 1882, and has spent most of his life in that community. He was educated in the common schools, also attended high school, and for five years did splendid work as a teacher.

August 9, 1908, he married Miss Frances Palmer, daughter of Mr. O. Palmer of Sidney. Mrs. Dome is a graduate of the Warsaw High School. They have three children: Geneva, born in 1912; Irene, born in 1914; and Harold, born in 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Dome are active members of the Christian Church of Sidney. He is a democrat in politics. His farm near Sidney comprises sixty-one acres, and is used both as a grain and a stock farm.

HENRY L. OLDFATHER. In the thirty odd years Henry L. Oldfather has had his home in Kosciusko County the people have come to esteem and appreciate his sterling type of citizenship, the quality of his business enterprise and the kindly and helpful attitude he has taken toward all matters of community welfare. Mr. Oldfather considers himself a retired farmer, but still lives in his fine country home a mile west of Silver Lake, and in many ways is as keenly energetic and active in affairs today as he was twenty years ago.

He was born in Wabash County, Indiana, May 24, 1852, son of Adam and Caroline (Borgher) Oldfather. Mr. Oldfather takes appropriate pride in the fact that his family has been in America for more than a century and a half. It was in 1769, six years before the outbreak of the American Revolution, that several of their family left their native city of Berlin, and after six months on the ocean, landed at Baltimore They made settlement in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, where they laid out a town named Berlin, in honor of their home city. One of the family, Frederick Oldfather, was the first elder of the First Reformed Church in that part of Pennsylvania. The grandfather of Henry L. Oldfather was Henry Oldfather, a son of this Frederick. This accounts for four generations of the family in this country. Henry Oldfather emigrated with his family to Montgomery County, Ohio, in the year 1811, and was for many years identified with sawmilling and also operated flour mills.

Adam Oldfather was born near Farmersville, Ohio, and coming to Indiana in 1841, located in Wabash County. He and his wife, Caroline Borgher, were the parents of eight children, namely; Susan, widow of Andrew Knoop, lives in Claypool, Indiana; Sarah C., who is the only one of the children not now living; Samuel T., a retired poultry dealer, who lives at North Manchester; Mary E., wife of George Leffel, of North Manchester; Henry L.; Melissa J., wife of Thomas A. Joutz, of Seward Township, this county; John F., a resident of Silver Lake; Irene B., wife of J. E. Byer, of Rochester, Indiana.

Henry L. Oldfather grew up on his father's farm in Wabash County and made the best possible use of his advantages in the dis-

trict schools. At the age of seventeen he began teaching, and for five years was identified with school work in Kosciusko County. He then took up farming, and has been a prominent resident of Kosciusko County since 1878. Mr. Oldfather married Flotilla Loop, of Kosciusko County, where she was born and reared. Her father was Moses C. Loop. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Oldfather located on a farm, and since 1900 have lived at his pleasant country place near Silver Lake, where he has a fine improved farm of 200 acres. For five years he was also engaged in the livestock business, and for nineteen years he was secretary of the County Insurance Company and was general manager of the People's Mutual Telephone Company of Silver Lake until he sold his interest April 1, 1915. Every undertaking which he has touched has prospered, and he has the deserved reputation in the county of being one of its most able business men. Mr. Oldfather has also been a strong party man in the republican faith, and is a past chancellor of Lake View Lodge of Knights of Pythias at Silver Lake. Many of his friends know Mr. Oldfather as a clever writer of verse, and he has celebrated many of his experiences and many local incidents in verse forms that have been published and widely read.

Mr. and Mrs. Oldfather are the parents of one daughter, Iva, who was born February 14, 1879. She is now the wife of former state representative Harry W. Kline of Silver Lake. Mr. Kline is one of the leading farmers of that community. Mr. and Mrs. Kline have two children: Marcus H., a student in high school, and Fanchon, still in the grade schools.

JOHN F. MITTERLING. One of the good homes and one of the productive farms of Kosciusko County lies a half mile east of Dutchtown in Tippecanoe Township, the home and scene of activities of the Mitterling family, including Mr. John F. Mitterling.

The latter was born in Noble County February 25, 1867, son of John and Susanna (Shadow) Mitterling. Both parents were natives of Pennsylvania. His father was born in Juniata County September 16, 1831, and died March 16, 1902. The mother was born December 17, 1830. They grew up in their native state and were married January 20, 1852, and in 1854 came west and settled in Noble County, Indiana. Their home was near Savilla until 1874, when they bought the farm where John F. Mitterling now lives in Kosciusko County. The parents were members of the German Baptist Church and were very active and liberal in their support. Of their seven children five are still living: Jane, wife of John Stoneburner of Plain Township; Michael, deceased, who married Sarah Moerzy; Joseph, who married Julia A. Hays and lives at Warsaw; Samuel, who married Elizabeth J. Plew and lives in Wayne Township of this county; John F., and Emeline C. O., wife of Isaac Randall.

John F. Mitterling was seven years old when brought to the farm where he has since lived, where he was trained to industrious habits, and where he has made a successful career as a farmer. His

education was acquired in the district schools, limited to attendance during the winter terms, while the summer was spent in the work of the fields. Harry S. Randall, a nephew of Mr. Mitterling, married Grace L. Tenny, and they have two children, John and Audry.

Mr. Mitterling is affiliated with Warsaw Lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men, and is a past sachem of that order. He is also a member of the Moose lodge, and Harry Randall is affiliated with the same order. In politics Mr. Mitterling is a republican. One hundred twenty acres constitute the Mitterling homestead, and it is the home of some of the good livestock raised in this township.

JOHN S. JUDD. Five miles northwest of Akron in Franklin Township is a farm that has been under the ownership of the Judd family more than forty years, and is now the home and scene of the progressive activities of John S. Judd, who was born in the same locality and has lived there practically all his life.

He was born March 6, 1879, a son of T. R. and Lucinda (Mickey) Judd. T. R. Judd was brought by his parents to Franklin Township when a boy, grew to maturity there, and after his marriage settled on the place now owned by his son John. Later he moved to Akron, where his first wife died in 1904. He married again, and his second wife is also deceased. He is now living in Franklin Township. There were eight children, five still living: Etta, wife of Elmer Bybee, of Fulton County; Eliza, wife of J. J. Smith, of Elkhart, Indiana; John S.; Lola, wife of C. C. Betters, of Elkhart; Howard, who is serving with the colors in France; Emma, Charles and another child died in infancy.

John S. Judd grew up on the old farm, was educated in the district schools, and gave his time and labor to the home farm until twenty-one. On July 25, 1901, he married Miss Myrtle Clifton. She was born in Fulton County and is a graduate of the common schools. They have two sons: Thomas C, born September 4, 1903, who has completed the work of the district schools; and Charles W., born January 12, 1906, still a student.

The family are members of the United Brethren Church at Beaver Dam, and Mr. Judd is superintendent of its Sunday school. In politics he is a republican.

CHARLES W. ROSS. The Crown Hill Stock Farm, a mile east of Sidney in Jackson Township, of which Charles W. Ross is proprietor, is one of the centers of animal husbandry in Kosciusko County that attracts favorable notice and attention from many outside communities. The stock farm has as its chief asset a fine herd of Shorthorn cattle, the herd being headed by Sultan's Defender. Mr. Ross is also handling some Percheron horses, and has the well known Gazin, son of Jury, son of Carnot No. 66666. Other high grade live stock on the farm are some Dorset sheep and Duroc hogs.

Mr. Ross was born in section 35 of Jackson Township April 1, 1884. He is a son of John and Jane (Stout) Ross, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Whitley County, Indiana. They have

four children: Albert, of Jackson Township; Cora, wife of A. B. Ulrey, of Jackson Township; Eva, wife of Milton Miller; and Charles W.

Charles W. Ross grew up on a farm in Jackson Township, and from the age of sixteen has looked after his own welfare. He secured a better than ordinary education, attending the common schools and also the college at North Manchester, where he pursued a commercial course and later was a student in a commercial college at Indianapolis. For a time he was employed in an insurance office and wholesale house at Indianapolis, and finally secured the equipment and the land for independent farming. The Crown Hill Farm comprises 121.62 acres.

December 10, 1904, Mr. Ross married Miss Minnie M. Priser. She was born in Monroe Township of this county May 31, 1883, daughter of John Priser. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ross lived in Monroe Township a year and a half, and in 1906 came to their present home in Jackson Township. Mr. Ross is a republican and is one of the sterling and public spirited citizens of his community.

Cyrus B. Deaton is one of the fortunate men who own good farms in Kosciusko County, and his place, representing all the modern improvements and comforts, is in section 9 of Lake Township, two miles east and one mile south of Silver Lake.

Mr. Deaton has achieved a worthy success in his career and his family name is of social interest in Kosciusko County. His father was George W. Deaton, a native of Clarke County, Ohio, son of William Deaton. William Deaton owned a sawmill in Ohio and George W. learned the milling trade there. March 9, 1856, George W. Deaton married Miss Frances C. Fortney, daughter of Jacob and Ann (Knoops) Fortney. In March, 1863, the Deaton family came to Kosciusko County, settling in Clay Township. George W. Deaton was a successful farmer and was also well known because of his political and civic activities. He was a stanch republican and was an eloquent speaker in advocating his position and principles. He had the distinction of being the first republican elected to the office of trustee in Clay Township. He was also a charter member of the Grange at Claypool and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. George W. Deaton and wife had the following children: William S., Jacob O., Mary B., John E., Samuel S., Ulysses S., Cyrus B. and Charles G. The first four children were born in Ohio and the others in Clay Township of Kosciusko County.

Cyrus B. Deaton was born on his father's farm a mile and a quarter east of Claypool in Clay Township, July 29, 1869, and was the fifth son of the family. He grew up with his widowed mother, assisted in the work of the farm, and graduated from the common schools. He continued at home, a factor in the management of the old place, until the age of twenty-four. September 30, 1893, he married Miss May A. Ball. She was born in Kosciusko County July 12, 1873.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Deaton spent about seven

years at the Deaton home, and farmed in Clay Township until 1903, when he came to his present place. Besides the activities of the farm Mr. Deaton is a director in the Commercial Bank at Silver Lake. He is much interested in local affairs, is a republican, as was his father, and for a number of years has served as a member of the County Central Committee. He has a well improved farm of seventy-eight acres. Mr. and Mrs. Deaton have two children: Ross M., born December 12, 1895, a graduate of the common schools and still at home; and Hazel W., born June 9, 1900, a student in the Silver Lake High School. The family are members of the United Brethren Church at Silver Lake, and Mr. Deaton is one of the church trustees, and for a number of years has given strong support to both church and Sunday school activities. He is Past Noble Grand of Silver Lake Lodge No. 576, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Grand Lodge.

C. F. White has spent a busy and industrious life in the southwest corner of Kosciusko County or over the line in Fulton County, has made what he has by his enterprise and resourcefulness, and is owner of a splendid farm of 120 acres in Franklin Township.

He was born in Fulton County April 17, 1867, a son of Peter and Sarah A. (Prill) White. His father was a native of Summit County, Ohio, and his mother of Carroll County, Indiana. They married in Fulton County, and then settled on a farm. Their first place was twenty-one acres, and that tract of land was in the family ownership for fifty-one years. Peter White and wife had seven children, and the six still living are: Alfretta, wife of John Whaley; Margaret, wife of William McEntire; C. F.; John and William, twins; and George, who also lives in Franklin Township.

C. F. White grew up in Fulton County and lived at home until he was twenty-one years of age, when he started out to make his own way in the world. July 20, 1893, he married Florence Ballenger. She was born in Franklin Township December 26, 1869, and grew up on a farm and was educated in the local schools.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. White settled on a farm in Franklin Township, and they have made their present prosperity during the past twenty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. White are members of the Church of God and in politics he is a republican. They have three manly and enterprising young sons: Andrew, born November 27, 1895, who married Mertie Wilcox on November 20, 1917; Charles E., born September 4, 1897; and Fletcher E., born September 18, 1899.

Rev. Amos Freed is a well known minister of the Church of the Brethren, and performs his duties as a minister in addition to looking after one of the good farms of Jackson Township. His farm home is two miles south and a half mile east of Packerton.

Mr. Freed was born in Hancock County, Ohio, May 22, 1861, a son of Peter and Polly (Ream) Freed. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, while his mother was born in Stark County, Ohio.

They married and spent their lives in Ohio. Peter Freed was a farmer and also a minister of the Brethren Church. He was twice married and had three children by his first wife, one of whom is living, Elizabeth, better known as "Betsy." He had twelve by the second wife, and those still living are: Ami, of Monticello, Indiana; Amos; Henry, of Hancock County, Ohio; Neri, of Hancock County; and Ella, also of Hancock County.

Amos Freed grew up in Ohio and lived in that state until 1890, when he moved to Indiana and established his home in White County. He was a farmer there twelve years, and in 1902 came to his present home in Jackson Township.

Mr. Freed married Miss Esther Bowers, of Ohio. Their oldest child died, and the three children now living are: Marvin, who is married and is a farmer; Mary, wife of Charles Montel, of Lake Township; and Osnola, wife of Ralph Montel, of Lake Township.

Mr. Freed was elected to the ministry December 9, 1911, and was ordained January 1, 1916, as an elder of "The Church of the Brethren." Since January 1, 1918, he has had charge of the church congregation at Eel River. He is a republican in politics. Mr. Freed owns a farm of 100 acres, while his son has sixty acres, all of it in one body and constituting in improvements and arrangements one of the best country places in Jackson Township.

Aaron Byrer is one of the solid, industrial men of Kosciusko County who have elected to remain largely in one locality all their lives and have bit by bit progressed and prospered to the achievement of a fine farm, good home and all the esteem that is paid a useful member of a community. The Byrer farm is in Prairie Township, eight miles northwest of Warsaw.

Mr. Byrer was born in Lancaster County, Ohio, April 14, 1857, and was brought to Kosciusko County when about a year old. His parents were Frederick and Christine (Hutt) Byrer, both natives of Ohio. After their marriage they lived in Ohio about seven years before coming to Kosciusko County. Frederick Byrer located at Stony Point in Prairie Township, and he and his wife spent the rest of their days in that vicinity. He was very active in religious affairs as a member of the United Brethren Church and was a republican voter. He and his wife had seven children: William, a resident of Los Angeles, California; Z. T., a retired farmer of Leesburg; Aaron; Samuel M., a retired resident of Leesburg; Hudson, of Fort Wayne; John C., a farmer in Prairie Township; and George F., a minister of the United Brethren Church at Warsaw.

Aaron Byrer has spent practically all his life in Prairie Township. He had the advantages of the district schools, and from the time he attained the age of twenty-one has been steadily working as a farmer. On April 7, 1888, he married Alma Hall, member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Kosciusko County. She is a daughter of Joel and Mary (Roberts) Hall. Her father was born on the old homestead, a son of Samuel D. and Catherine (Anglin) Hall. Samuel D. Hall was born and married in

West Virginia, and in pioneer times made a trip on horseback to Kosciusko County. He was one of the very first to take up land in Prairie Township. He acquired large tracts of land which were developed under his supervision. He was also a man of prominence in local affairs, was the first justice of the peace of Prairie Township, and was one of the first associate judges of the county. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a democrat. His children were David, Hiram, Malinda, Lucinda, Elizabeth, Matilda and William. Joel Hall and wife had the following children: Alma, Samuel O., Eva, Ida, Flora, William R., and C. A. Hall. Mrs. Byrer was reared on her father's farm and had a district school education. She is the mother of three children: Lois E., unmarried and living at home; Avis, a graduate of the Warsaw High School; and Ernest E., a student in the Warsaw High School. The family are members of the United Brethren Church and Mr. Byrer is one of its trustees. He also belongs to the Horse Thief Detective Association and is a republican in politics. The land he has accumulated by his efforts and which he devotes to general farming comprises 157 of the good acres of Prairie Township.

Melville C. Cutler is one of the prominent farmers in southeastern Kosciusko County. He has made all he has by hard work and intelligent management. He spent most of his early life in White County, Indiana, and while there laid the basis of his prosperity. He is owner and proprietor of the Sunny Brook Farm, comprising 179 acres, situated a mile west and a half mile south of Sidney. Mr. Cutler grows and handles a large number of stock of all kinds, and has made a success of his business, and while prospering individually has contributed something of value to the community and to the world.

Mr. Cutler was born in White County, Indiana, October 29, 1867, a son of John D. and Josephine (Kions) Cutler. His parents were both natives of Pickaway County, Ohio, the father born in 1834 and the mother in 1844. They came with their respective parents to White County, Indiana, the Kions family locating near Brookston, while the Cutlers established their home near Monticello. John D. Cutler was eight years old when he went to White County, and though a small boy he walked all the way from Ohio and led a steer. He was educated in the common schools and also in the University of Michigan. After his marriage he settled near Brookston, rented a farm there until about 1893, and then purchased the place upon which he is still living. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. John D. Cutler is a republican. Of their seven children three are still living: David L., who is farming a place a mile west of Warsaw; Louise, wife of L. S. Hart, of White County; and Melville C.

Melville C. Cutler was educated in the district schools of White County and remained at home until twenty-one. In starting for himself he was employed by his father for some years. In June, 1894,

he married Miss Ida C. Welever, who was born in White County in 1870.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cutler rented a farm in White County for nine years and they got their start as renters. With what modest means they had been able to accumulate in that time they came to Kosciusko County in 1903 and bought the present farm of 179 acres, and since then Mr. Cutler has also acquired another place of fifty-eight and one-half acres in Jackson Township. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and in politics he is a republican.

JAMES A. REED has cultivated and has been the owner of several farms over Kosciusko County, and his present home and the scene of his agricultural enterprise are at Yellow Creek Lake in Seward Township.

His parents, Robert and Margaret (Burns) Reed, were living in Fulton County, Indiana, when James A. Reed was born September 13, 1852. His parents were both natives of Wayne County, Ohio, and were brought by their respective families to Indiana, where they grew up and married. They first settled on a farm in Seward Township, a farm now owned by J. A. Carter, and after selling out they bought a place at the southeast corner of Yellow Creek Lake. They continued to live in that well known community the rest of their days. Both parents were members of the United Brethren Church, and in politics the father was a republican. There were ten children, and six of them are still living: Miletus Reed, of Warsaw; Robert L., of Battle Creek, Michigan; Elmira, wife of James Riley; James A.; Louise, wife of Thad McClue, of Silver Lake; and Ella, wife of Robert Connor.

James A. Reed spent his boyhood days on a farm, attended the common schools, and lives at home and gave his labor to the family until he was twenty-one. Not long after arriving at man's estate he assumed a man's obligations to support a family, and at the age of twenty-three, on July 11, 1875, married Miss Viola Hatfield. Mrs. Reed was born three miles north of the Fairview Church December 22, 1858, daughter of William and Mary (Rose) Hatfield. Her father was born in Pennsylvania, May 6, 1822, and died in Claypool, Indiana, June 2, 1895. Her parents were married January 9, 1845, and they had twelve children, eight daughters and four sons: Emeline, wife of John Anderson; Rebecca J., wife of Jonathan Creery; George, deceased, who married Hannah Delane; Isabelle, wife of Thomas Linn; Thomas, deceased; Mary C.; Edward, deceased; Viola, Mrs. Reed; Ida, deceased; Willard; Florence and Rosetta, both deceased. Mrs. Reed grew up in Seward township and attended school there.

Since his marriage Mr. Reed has been a practical farmer, giving his undivided attention to his business, and has been abundantly prospered. He and his wife first lived on the Elmer Yocum farm for two years, spent two years in Fulton County, were also in Grant and Madison Counties for a time, and on returning to Kosciusko County located in Monroe Township. Later they bought a place of forty

acres, in Lake Township, sold that and bought eighty-one acres, which they occupied only six months, and from there came to their place of sixty acres east of Yellow Creek Lake. They own nine acres at their home west of Yellow Creek Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed have an interesting family of boys: Frank, Dallas, Clyde, Carl, Ed and Freddie, twins, and Irwin. Freddie and Irwin are deceased. Mrs. Reed is a member of the Church of God, and in politics Mr. Reed is a republican. He has never had any aspiration to hold public office.

CYRUS MUSSELMAN is a well-to-do farmer whose home is a mile and a half west of Sidney in Jackson Township. Mr. Musselman has spent half a century in this county, has lived close to the soil and to agricultural activities, and has always been a man of the highest standing in his community.

He was born in Paulding County, Ohio, August 20, 1842, a son of John and Eliza (Clemmer) Musselman. His father was born in Virginia, and in early manhood went to Ohio, where he married his wife, a native of that state. They were pioneers in Paulding County, where they spent their lives. They made a farm from the woods, it being necessary to clear a spot in which to erect their log cabin. They were kindly, good-hearted neighbors and honest, hard-working people who well deserved the esteem in which they were held. Of their fourteen children two died in infancy, and all the others reached mature age. Those still living are: Amos, of Missouri; Cyrus; Ira, of Paulding County; Eliza, widow of William Merchant, of Ohio; Minerva, widow of Orlando Coffin; and Ida, a widow living in California.

Cyrus Musselman spent his boyhood days on the old farm in Paulding County and was educated in the public schools. During his youth he learned the trade of tanner and shoemaker. After coming to Indiana in 1863 and locating in Kosciusko County he was in the saw mill business for seven years. For over forty years he has given his time and energy to farming, and he still owns and supervises the management of 184 acres in the northwest corner of Jackson Township.

Mr. Musselman married for his first wife Maria Clemmer. Of their four children three are living: Albert, of California; Ida, living in Oklahoma; and Laban, also in California. On June 27, 1897, Mr. Musselman married Adella Lenwell, a widow. She was born in Monroe Township of this county January 25, 1864, and was reared in the home of Mrs. S. R. Wince near Pierceton. Her first husband was Chester Beason, and by that marriage she had two children, Frederick and Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Musselman are members of the Church of God and he is a democratic voter.

JEROME A. CARTER. There are several counties and communities in Northern Indiana that have known Jerome A. Carter as a resident, and in every one he has enjoyed the reputation of being a hustling, enterprising farmer and good citizen and has succeeded

beyond the average in all his undertakings. Mr. Carter now owns a well improved and valuable farm of 225 acres situated partly in Seward and partly in Franklin Townships. His place measures up to the best standards of farm improvement and management in this section of Indiana.

Mr. Carter was born in LaPorte County, Indiana, January 10, 1852, son of John and Mary (Windle) Carter. His parents were both natives of Shenandoah County, Virginia, the father born in 1820 and the mother in 1827. When the Windle family migrated from the famous valley of Virginia and settled in LaPorte County, Indiana, John Carter went along with them and he and Mary Windle were subsequently married. John Carter was a printer by trade, and for several years was employed on newspapers at LaPorte and in Michigan City. He gave up his trade to become a farmer and in 1862 moved to Jasper County, Indiana, and in 1871 to Newton County, and in that locality he lived until his death. He was a democrat in politics. Of his family of five children three are still living: Charles, of Silver Lake; Jerome A.; and Catherine, wife of Francis Yeager, of Newton County, Indiana.

Jerome A. Carter spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, received an education in the district schools and remained at home until he was twenty-one. Since then he has been making his own way in the world, and he had a most capable helpmate in the person of his good wife, whom he married in 1880. Her maiden name was Sarah A. Crisler. Mrs. Carter was born in Bartholomew County, Indiana, but her people moved to Newton County when she was five years of age. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Carter rented land for a time, then bought a place in Newton County, and he has rather followed the policy of taking unimproved or partly run down farms, building them up, and then selling and moving to a new location. In the course of his operations he has been a farm owner and manager in Newton, Jasper, LaGrange and Elkhart counties, and it was from the last named county that he moved to Kosciusko County in 1905 and bought his present place. Mr. Carter is a democrat.

He and his wife had five children: Lulu, at home; Charles, a hardware merchant at Mentone, Indiana; John H., a farmer; Glenn, who is married and lives on a farm in Newton County; and Emmet, of Elkhart, Indiana.

George M. Alexander. The interests of the business and agricultural community that center at Burkett have a prominent factor in George M. Alexander, who has been a farmer in that locality for forty years, for a similar time has been engaged in the threshing business, and has also been officially and otherwise identified with several of those institutions which involve the business and domestic welfare of the community. Mr. Alexander is president of the Equity Union Elevator Company at Burkett. He is also one of the directors of the Bank of Seward. He is a director of the Farmers Mutual Relief Association, and is also president of the Farmers Co-operative Telephone Company.

Geo M Alexander

Mr. Alexander, whose home place is 2½ miles south of Burket, was born in Seward Township May 7, 1867, son of Mathew M. and Editha (Darling) Alexander. His parents were both natives of Richland County, Ohio, and after their marriage in that state they came to Kosciusko County and settled on a farm near Yellow Creek Lake. In that locality they were residents the rest of their lives. They were members of the Church of God at Lake Bethel. There is an interesting diversity in the politics of the three generations of the Alexander family. Mathew Alexander was the only republican among his father's children, while George M. is the only democrat in his father's family. Mathew Alexander had eleven children, six of whom are still living: Peter, of Warsaw; Jonathan, of Seward Township; Ida, wife of Elias Parker, of Claypool; Nettie, wife of H. C. Tucker, of Akron, Indiana; George M.; and Frank, a farmer in Seward Township.

George M. Alexander grew up on the old farm and had to be satisfied with such advantages as were afforded by the district schools. He lived at home till the age of twenty-four, and then established a home of his own by his marriage to Inez Blue, daughter of that prominent old pioneer Peter A. Blue. Mrs. Alexander at her death was survived by five children: Elvin V., Russell F., Erbie V., Lulu L., and Retia. All the daughters were educated in the local schools and two of them were high school graduates. Mr. Alexander married for his present wife Bertha Crall, a native of Harrison Township. They have one son, Edwin.

Along with farming Mr. Alexander early took up the business of threshing, and has worn out a number of outfits in that business and could tell many interesting facts concerning the development of threshing machinery. He had some of the old time machines, even those operated by horse power, and in the early days practically every mechanical feature of the threshing outfit had to be operated by one or two men, while the most modern machines he has had are largely automatic and result in a large elimination and saving of man power. Mr. Alexander is a member of the Ancient Order of Gleaners and of the Loyal Order of Moose at Warsaw.

John Ferverda is a merchant of successful experience, and has been identified with the hardware trade at Silver Lake for a number of years, being one of the live and enterprising business men and citizens of that locality.

He was born in Plain Township of this county December 26, 1882, a son of Hiram B. and Eveline (Miller) Ferverda, both of whom now reside at Leesburg. John Ferverda grew up on his father's farm in Plain Township and was liberally educated. He attended both the common and high schools of Oswego, being a graduate of both, and also was a student in the Tri-State Normal at Angola. For his scholarship he was granted a license to teach, but never used it in that profession. His life was spent largely at home until the age of twenty-two. Having mastered the art of telegraphy, he entered the service of the Big Four Railway as an

operator, and was assigned at different stations along that system and remained in that service about ten years. In 1916 Mr. Ferverda left the railroad to take up business, and is now a member of the F. and F. Hardware Company of Silver Lake.

In 1907 he married Miss Edith B. Lore, a native of Rush County, Indiana, and a high school graduate. They have one son, Harold L., born November 24, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Ferverda are members of the Lutheran Church, and he is affiliated with Denning Lodge No. 88, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at North Manchester, and of the Knights of Pythias Lodge. In politics he is a republican.

JOHN F. CLYMER, who is now busying himself with the management of his farm a quarter of a mile west of Silver Lake, has had an unusual scope of experience and activity, having been a teacher, newspaper man, traveling salesman, and is a former postmaster of the Village of Silver Lake.

Mr. Clymer was born near Mansfield in Richland County, Ohio, March 18, 1855, a son of Henry and Mary (Landis) Clymer. His father was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and his mother in Montgomery County, Ohio. They married in the latter county and soon located in Richland County, were farmers there until 1858, when they went out to Bond County, Illinois. They had their home there four years and in 1862, on coming to Indiana, located in Randolph County for two years, and in 1864 moved to Kosciusko County, and in this county they spent their declining years. They were active members of the Dunkard Church and the father was a republican. Of the nine children seven reached maturity: Samuel, of North Manchester; Elizabeth, wife of Peter Tredle, of California; John F.; Mary, wife of Clay M. Wise; Nancy, widow of Joshua Denser, living near Claypool; Sarah C., wife of Christian Dought; and D. H. Clymer, who is a newspaper writer at Logansport.

John F. Clymer grew up in Kosciusko County from 1864, when he was nine years of age, and acquired his education in the local schools. He was a good student and at the age of twenty-one applied for a license as teacher. He taught and also attended the Methodist College at Fort Wayne. His record as a teacher covered sixteen terms. When Benjamin Harrison was elected president Mr. Clymer was appointed postmaster at Silver Lake and filled that office several years. For nine years he was on the road as traveling representative for the Deering Harvester Company, and for eighteen months he was connected with the South Bend Times. Otherwise his experience has been that of a farmer, and his home place comprises forty acres of well cultivated and highly improved land.

In 1880 Mr. Clymer married Miss Lodelle Kerlin, who was born near Silver Lake in 1862 and was educated in the common schools. Their four children are: Oma G., wife of Percy Perry, of Lake Township; M. T., who is married and an operator with the Grand Trunk Railway, living at Granger, Indiana; Noble Ray, who is married and is connected with the Big Four Railway at Berrien Center,

Michigan; and Mary P., who is a graduate of the Silver Lake High School and is still at home.

Mr. Clymer is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic Order, and is a past chancellor of the former. He has always been interested in the success of the republican party, and through it has given his chief public service. He is the present nominee for the office of trustee of Lake Township.

THOMAS E. BALL. Many of the best farmers in Kosciusko County are located in Seward Township, where local pride is shown in the substantial and attractive buildings and richly cultivated fields which stand as substantial evidence of the industry and intelligence of their owners. One of these capable men around Silver Lake is Thomas E. Ball, whose farm is four miles west of that village.

In this township he was born June 25, 1858, a son of Henderson W. and Freela (Lumpkin) Ball. His father was a native of Randolph County, Indiana, and his mother of Putnam County. They married in the latter county and after some years came to Kosciusko County and were well known residents of Seward Township for many years. The father had a farm of 120 acres. Both father and mother were active in the Baptist Church, and the former was a well known local minister who did work here and in many other communities. He was also active in the republican party, and for a number of years held a commission as notary public. The death of this honored old time citizen occurred in January, 1910, while his widow passed away April 22, 1914. They earned the gratitude of coming generations by establishing a large posterity. Of their children two died in infancy and one after reaching maturity. Those still living are: Martha, wife of William Williams; Lewis C., a farmer in Fulton County, Indiana; Charity, wife of Calvin Moyer, of Warsaw; John M., a farmer in Franklin Township; Freela, wife of George Swick, living in Texas; Thomas E.; Laura A., wife of Monda Gast; Viola, wife of Henry Meredith, of Akron, Indiana; Jennie, unmarried; and Robert N., a Baptist minister living at Indianapolis.

Thomas E. Ball grew up on the old farm in Seward Township. The scene of his boyhood is only a mile and a half from his present home. He went back and forth to the district schools, especially during the winter terms, and was a factor in the home circle until twenty-five. He then married Miss Laura Roberson. She died April 18, 1891, the mother of two children, Angus G., a farmer in Seward Township, and Iva F., wife of Percy Helser, of Lake Township. For his present wife Mr. Ball married Mrs. Sarah A. (Friend) Utter, of Miami County, Indiana, where she was born. Her first husband was John Utter. Mr. Ball takes an active interest in various organizations and movements, is a member of the Horse Thief Detective Association, is a republican, and filled the office of justice of the peace four years.

JACOB H. MORT has been a figure in the business life of Kosciusko County for a number of years. He is well known over a large scope

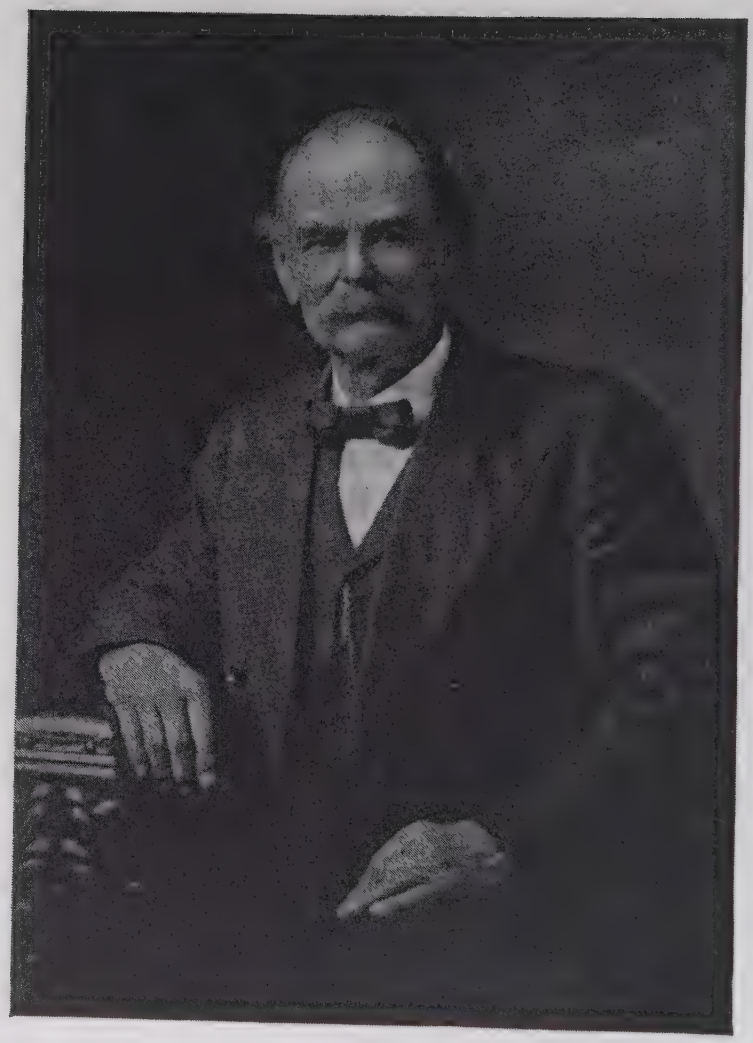
of country as a former grain and stock buyer, but is now concentrating his attention upon the management of the Highland Orchard, and is one of the largest and most successful fruit growers in the county. His entire farm comprises 100 acres, situated in Jackson Township, a mile south and a mile and a half west of Sidney. Mr. Mort has sixty-five acres in fruit trees and is a producer of fruit on a commercial scale, and has acquired all the facilities for the expert handling of his crop.

Mr. Mort was born in Allen County, Ohio, October 18, 1863, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Harpster) Mort. Joseph Mort was born in Harrison County, Ohio, son of George and Mary Mort, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Pennsylvania. Joseph Mort at the age of three years accompanied his parents to Tuscarawas County and at the age of fifteen he left home to live with an uncle. In his twentieth year he entered upon an apprenticeship to learn the trade of tanner and currier at Tiffin, Ohio, and followed that business for many years. In Allen County, Ohio, November 4, 1849, he married Miss Elizabeth Harpster, who was born February 15, 1831, in Fairfield County, Ohio, a daughter of Anthony and Sophia Harpster. Joseph Mort brought his family to Kosciusko County in 1871, and for some years operated a tannery at Warsaw. In July, 1882, he located upon a farm a mile and a half northwest of Warsaw, later farmed in Jackson Township and died in advanced years at Silver Lake. While living in Ohio he served as trustee, was a democrat in politics and a member of the Grange. He and his wife had children named Anthony, Mary, George, Emanuel, Lydia, Nancy, John M., Jacob H., and Emma.

Jacob H. Mort grew up in and from the age of seven to sixteen attended the public schools of Warsaw. Later he graduated from a business college in Chicago. He entered upon his business career as a hay and grain buyer and shipper, and owned an elevator for about a dozen years. He then came to his present farm in Jackson Township and is busy from one year's end to the other in looking after his trees and handling his enormous crops of fruit.

Mr. Mort married Miss Ora Hinkson, a native of Kosciusko County. They have five children, Ruth, Russell, Bernice, Louis and Louise, twins, the last being seven years of age. The two older children are graduates of the common schools. Mr. and Mrs. Mort are members of the Christian Church. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias Lodge at North Manchester, and votes as a democrat. While he has never taken much part in politics or sought office, he has accepted the nomination for assessor in his township.

ALBERT E. ROSS, when he married twenty years ago, had a team and twenty-seven dollars' worth of furniture. He applied himself to farming, the vocation to which he had been trained as a boy, and by hard and constant work and by paying attention to the selling as well as to the producing end of his business he has prospered so that he owns a large farm of 370 acres in Jackson Township, his home being in section 2 south of Sidney, and his name is everywhere



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in that community recognized as one of the good and substantial citizens.

Mr. Ross was born August 30, 1876, in the same township where he now resides, and his parents were John and Jane (Stout) Ross. His mother died in 1884 and his father is still living. Albert E. is the oldest of four children. His sister Cora is the wife of A. B. Ulrey, of Jackson Township. Eva is the wife of Milton Miller, of Jackson Township, and Charles W. Ross is also a well known farmer in the same locality.

Albert E. Ross grew up on the old homestead, attended the district schools near home, and was married in his twenty-first year, on February 26, 1898. Miss Rosa C. Fox was his bride. She has been a faithful manager of the home and has closely co-operated with her husband in their joint enterprise as farmers. Mr. Ross has fed many carloads of cattle, hogs and sheep during the last twenty years and he has made his money in stock and grain. He ships his own stock, buys by the carload, and keeps in close touch with market conditions. Mr. Ross is a republican, has been quite active in party interest, and he and his wife are members of the Church of the Brethren. They have two sons, Eugene, a graduate of the common schools, and Lawrence, eight years old.

James E. Gill, a farmer living a mile and a half north and a mile and a half west of Silver Lake, is a man of wide and unusual experience, and has spent more than half a century as a citizen of Kosciusko County.

His birth occurred in Champaign County, Ohio, September 24, 1843. His birthplace was near Mechanicsburg. His parents were John D. and Sophia (Winett) Gill. His grandfather, David Gill, was born in Maryland of Irish ancestry, and married Mary Dent of Scotch-Irish ancestry. They were married in Maryland, where Mary Dent's father was an extensive slave holder. When his daughter married this planter gave her eight or ten slaves, but when David Gill and wife moved to Ohio the slaves automatically became free, and all of them remained in that state but one, who kept close to the family as long as she lived. David Gill had a home near Mechanicsburg, Ohio, and was both a farmer and a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He and his wife died in that vicinity. They had four sons and four daughters. John D. Gill was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, January 14, 1812. His wife, Sophia Winett, was born in Virginia June 25, 1808. They married in Champaign County, Ohio, and lived on a farm and later in the Village of Mechanicsburg, where John D. Gill followed his trade as a shoemaker. He was the father of seven children: Henry and Susanna, deceased; Newton A., a retired farmer living in Clay Township of this county; James E.; John J., of Warsaw; Amelia A., wife of Joshua Rose, of Seneca County, Ohio; and Sophia F., wife of Henry Baum, of Seward Township.

James E. Gill was eleven years old when he came to Kosciusko County. His education was such as could be supplied by the dis-

trict schools of his day. His first important enterprise was in association with a brother. Together they cleared and put into cultivation a tract of eighty acres of land. This was the work that kept him busy until he was twenty-three, when he established a home of his own by his marriage April 1, 1866, to Miss Martha A. Rolland. She was born in Knox County, Ohio, March 7, 1845, and came to Kosciusko County at the age of ten years.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gill went to housekeeping in a little log cabin 16 by 18 feet, furnished with the utmost simplicity of furniture and equipment. It remained their home for eight years, and they then bought a farm of 115 acres one mile west of Silver Lake. This was their second home and after eight years they sold it, and in 1884 came to their present home of eighty acres, constituting one of the well kept and productive farms of Seward Township.

Mrs. Gill died August 10, 1912, and her death was the first break in the family circle in more than forty-five years. She was the mother of seven children, and one of them has died since her death. These children are: John D., of Warsaw; Dellie, wife of Cal Wise, of Warsaw; Louis, deceased; James E., of Mentone, Indiana; Laverna, wife of Albert Whittenberger; Samuel F., who lives in Montana; Elmore, whose home is north of Warsaw. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Gill is a democrat and has served as constable, and wherever possible has exercised an influence toward the betterment and upbuilding of his community.

Leonard Summe's carefully tended and valuable farm is in Franklin Township. He has spent practically all his life in the southern part of Kosciusko county and beginning life with little capital has proved his ability and won a comfortable competence and success. He owns 203 acres where he lives.

He was born January 29, 1862, in Seward Township, a son of Samuel and Catherine (Rough) Summe. His father was born in Berne, Switzerland, January 25, 1836, and came to the United States when a young man in 1855. He settled in Columbiana County, Ohio, where he met and married his wife, Catherine Rough, who was a native of that county, born November 20, 1840. In 1861 they moved to Indiana, locating near Claypool in Seward Township, and subsequently established their home in Franklin Township. The parents are still living, in advanced years, and are among the highly esteemed old people in this part of the county. They had ten children, namely: Mary, wife of John F. Haney; Amos, of Franklin Township; Leonard; John, of Silver Lake; Malinda, who is one of the deceased children; Fred, of Silver Lake; Frank, of Mentone; Alva; Alta, deceased wife of I. Tucker; and Elmer, of Silver Lake.

Mr. Leonard Summe grew up in Seward Township and was educated in the district schools there. When only a boy he started out to make his own way in the world, and has well earned the success now enjoyed. He married Miss Effie D. Tucker, grand-

daughter of that well known and stalwart pioneer and leading citizen of Kosciusko County, Horace Tucker. Mrs. Summe was born in Franklin Township, June 7, 1875, daughter of Albert L. and Elizabeth (Bechtelheimer) Tucker. Her mother died in 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Summe after their marriage lived on the Alva L. Tucker farm until 1902, and then came to their present home, where their children have grown up and where they have surrounded themselves with good neighbors and with most prosperous circumstances.

They have four children: Delta R., a graduate of high school and wife of Orville Royer of Franklin Township; Albert L., who is a graduate of high school and is still at home; Alta M. and Ralph M. Mr. and Mrs. Summe have one grandchild. Mr. Summe is a democrat in politics but has never cared to hold office.

IVAN TUCKER is a grandson of Horace Tucker and is a prosperous farmer in Franklin Township, in the vicinity which has been made memorable by the residence and activities of the Tucker family since pioneer days.

His grandfather, Horace Tucker, was born in Richland County, Ohio, November 8, 1825, son of John and Mary (Ward) Tucker, Horace Tucker came to Kosciusko County in 1846 and paid $2.50 an acre for a quarter section in section 20 of Franklin Township, a short distance northeast of the farm where Ivan Tucker now lives. He cut the first tree in the woods, erected a log cabin home, and then went back to Ohio, where on January 13, 1848, he married Miss Eliza Johnston. They came and occupied their log cabin home in the fall of 1848, and it was on that farm that their three children were born, Albert L., Rosella and Hollis. Horace Tucker was one of the pioneer stock raisers and dealers in Kosciusko County. He and another man shipped the first carload of stock ever sent by rail from Warsaw. The prosperity he and his wife enjoyed in later years was the more appreciated because their first home in the county was of the crudest description and with the most meager furnishings, much of it home made furniture with no pretense to style and with very little comfort. In 1871 Horace Tucker erected a brick house on his farm. It is said that his wind pump was the second in the township. He was in the stock business on an extensive scale, and in that line was succeeded by his son Albert.

Albert L. Tucker was born in Franklin Township, September 19, 1849, and in many ways measured up to the business ability and sturdy character of his honored father. He married Elizabeth Bechtelheimer, who was born in Indiana in 1853 and died in March, 1888. They have eight children: Elmore, of Newcastle, Indiana; Effie, wife of Leonard Summe, of Franklin Township; Ida, widow of Lawrence Huffer, of Burket, Indiana; Ivan; Roy, a farmer in the state of Washington; John, of Chicago; Millie, wife of Arthur Gelty, of Silver Lake; and Frank C., of Claypool.

Ivan Tucker was born on his father's farm in section 31 of Franklin Township and in that community he grew to manhood, attending the local schools. At the age of eighteen he went to work for his

grandfather, Horace Tucker, later farmed his place one year, spent one year in Ohio, and also a short time in the West. In December, 1901, he married Miss Alta Summe. She died in August, 1902, without children. April 2, 1905, Mr. Tucker married Cecil McFarland. She was born in Franklin Township, December 21, 1884, and was educated in the common schools.

For a number of years Mr. Tucker owned and occupied the old Horace Tucker homestead, but finally sold that and in 1911 came to his present place in section 30, where he owns 144 acres of carefully cultivated land. He is a breeder and raiser of graded stock and usually feeds a carload of cattle for the market every year. Politically he is a democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker have two children: Mirabel, born August 20, 1907, and Alton L., born March 19, 1909.

Omer N. Igo is one of the influential citizens of Franklin Township, is a farmer, stock buyer, and a leader in all the community activities. His fine farm, which represents almost a lifetime of effort and enterprise on his part, is situated five miles south and one mile east of Mentone.

Mr. Igo was born in Edgar County, Illinois, September 16, 1866, a son of William and Leah (Wilkins) Igo. His parents were both born and reared in Highland County, Ohio, where they married. William Igo was a son of Henry Igo, one of the early settlers in that part of Ohio. From Highland County William Igo and wife moved to Edgar County, Illinois, were farmers there many years, and later moved out to Oklahoma, where they died. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of their nine children five are still living, and two of the sons are in Kosciusko County, George and Omer, the former also a farmer in Franklin Township.

Omer N. Igo was educated in Edgar County, Illinois, also attended school in Kosciusko County, and at the age of twenty he became self supporting and went to work for John R. Black, whose daughter, Minnie Black, he subsequently married. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Igo settled on the farm where they now live, and here he owns 127 acres of well improved soil. From his farm he carries on his extensive operations as a cattle man. He buys, feeds and ships several carloads of stock every year. Mr. Igo was one of the organizers of the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company and a director for some years. He also served one term as trustee of Franklin Township, and has taken quite an interest in politics as a democrat.

He and his wife have a fine family of children, ten in number, briefly mentioned as follows: Icie, a graduate of the common schools and wife of Marion Taylor; Fro, a graduate of the common schools and wife of Floyd Tucker; Joe, who finished the common school course and is now with the colors; Nellie, who has completed the work of the local schools; Othello, a student, in high school; and Ernest, Virgil, Lewis, Edgar and Lillian E., who are the younger children, still in the home circle.

ELIAS LEININGER has been content to extend his usefulness and energy largely in one locality, and in the quiet but valuable vocation of farming. Mr. Leininger lives on one of the good farms of Franklin Township, not far from Beaver Dam.

He came to Kosciusko County when a boy. He was born in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1849, a son of Isaac and Mary C. (Petry) Leininger. Both parents were natives of Pennsylvania, the mother of Berks County. After their marriage in Berks County they settled in Schuylkill County, where the father died in 1856. The mother married again and subsequently came to Indiana, bringing some of her children and settling near Beaver Dam. She died in that community. She was the mother of ten children by her first husband, and those living today are: David, a farmer in Fulton County; Elias; Daniel, a merchant at Akron, Indiana, and Sarah, wife of Henry Halderman.

Elias Leininger was about fifteen years old when he came to Kosciusko County. He finished his education here in the German and English schools and lived at home until eighteen. Having learned the cabinet-making trade, he worked at that occupation at Beaver Dam for fourteen years, being employed as a cabinet-maker largely during the winter seasons and working as a carpenter in the summer. Then for several years he was associated with his brother Jonas in a general merchandise store at Silver Lake.

In 1875 Mr. Leininger married Miss Amanda Kistler, who was born and reared in the same locality of Pennsylvania as her husband. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Leininger located at Beaver Dam, and in the spring of 1883 they came to their present fine farm in Franklin Township. Mr. Leininger is a breeder of Duroc hogs, but has not specialized to any extent, and has made his prosperity through general farming. He and his family enjoy the comforts of a very modern home, built in a most substantial manner, with brick veneering. He and his wife are members of the Church of God and he is a republican, though he voted as a democrat up to the campaign of 1896.

Mr. Leininger is the father of eight children: Anina; Loa; Beulah; Ida, in the employ of the government as domestic instructor; Charles; Mabel, wife of Carl Gast, of Akron; Daniel, who is a Second Lieutenant and now in Texas; and Helen, at home.

ISAAC M. SHOEMAKER is one of the men of high standing and substantial achievements in Franklin Township. His farm is in section 5, a mile east of Beaver Dam. He has lived in that community many years and not least among his contributions to the community is his family of sturdy sons and capable daughters who have grown up in his home and gone forth most of them into homes of their own.

Mr. Shoemaker was born in Franklin Township, February 27, 1856, a son of Elias and Rebecca (Radbaugh) Shoemaker. His father was born in Maryland and his mother in St. Joseph County, Indiana. Elias Shoemaker went to Ohio at the age of sixteen, later

to St. Joseph County, Indiana, married, and after a few years came to Kosciusko County and established a home on the farm now owned by his son Isaac. He and his wife were active members of the Dunkard Church. In politics he was a democrat. Of the twelve children in the parents' family seven are living: Barbara A., widow of Albert Myers; Mary J., wife of Amos Swihart; Levi, of Bloomsburg, Indiana; Joseph, of Clay Township, this county; Isaac M.; Benjamin, who lives in Kansas; Daniel, of Seward Township.

Isaac M. Shoemaker grew up on his father's farm and had the advantages of the local schools. March 11, 1883, he married Miss Margaret Miller. She was born in Ohio, September 23, 1859, but from early girlhood was reared in Kosciusko County.

At the time of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker settled on the farm where they now reside, and that has been Mr. Shoemaker's home ever since but for a period of five years. He has eighty-two acres that has long responded to his skillful and capable management, and has furnished him the resources for keeping up the home and providing for his children.

He and his wife had fourteen children, and a brief record of those that grew up is as follows: Elva, wife of Elza P. Karns; Clyde, who married Fern Regnos; Ralph, who married Myrtle Gilmore; Earl, who married Ruth Douglas, of Chicago; Edna, wife of Clark Chapman, of California; Carl, a resident of California but now with the United States Army; Floyd, who married Elma Thornburg and lives in Fulton County; Russell, who married Isel Hill and is now with the United States forces in France; Roy, at Camp Colt, Gettysburg; Lester, who married Lavon Snyder and lives in Lake Township; Forest and Glenn, both at home, the latter still in high school. Mr. Shoemaker is an independent voter.

ALBERT SARBER. One of the oldest residents of Franklin Township is Albert Sarber, who has lived in that locality more than three-quarters of a century, and as a child knew it when the timber was uncut, when the swamps were undrained, and when nearly every home was a log cabin. Every railroad in the county has been built within his recollection, and the journey which he can now make from his home farm to Warsaw by interurban in a few minutes, required almost a day of hard traveling over rough roads when he was a young man. His own share and contribution to the development and improvements has been considerable, and he has always been looked upon as one of the sturdy American citizens of his locality.

Mr. Sarber, whose home farm is a half-mile west and a quarter-mile south of Mentone, was born in Putnam County, Ohio. January 3, 1841, a son of George and Lydia (Andreck) Sarber. He comes of an old Pennsylvania German family, his great-grandfather, John Sarber, being a native of Germany. His grandparents were Adam and Catherine (Eusleu) Sarber, both natives of Pennsylvania, where they married, and in 1814 went into the western wilderness to Franklin County, Ohio. They lived there until about 1824, then moved to

Albert Garber Amelia Ann Garber

Putnam County, where they did their work as pioneers, and when old age came upon them they moved to Kosciusko County, where both of them died. Adam Sarber had a family of twelve children.

Third among them was George Sarber, father of Albert. George Sarber was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, August 10, 1810. He married in Ohio Lydia Andreck, and in 1841 they came to Kosciusko County and bought 171 acres of uncleared land in Franklin Township. Their cabin was erected in the midst of the green woods, and years of hard work on the part of George Sarber brought much of his land under cultivation. He was a quiet, unassuming man, but active in church, and he and his wife were both members of the Methodist society at Mentone. He was a democrat in politics. In their family were three children: Catherine, now deceased, who married John Morgan; Hiram, who married Mary E. Lee, and is also deceased; and Albert, the only survivor.

Albert Sarber was a small infant when brought to Kosciusko County. As strength came to him he helped on the farm and attended the little subscription school near home. On reaching his majority his father divided between him and Hiram the old homestead, and they bought their sister's share. His brother Hiram had three children, and at his death Albert bought out their interests and thus practically became owner of the old farm.

In August, 1861, Albert Sarber married Margaret Nellans. She was the mother of four children, two of whom are still living: Maranda H., wife of Abram Whetstone, and Mary M. The mother of these children died in 1872, and on September 27, 1874, Mr. Sarber married Amelia A. Garrison. She was born in Whitley County, Indiana, August 17, 1855, and came to Kosciusko County when a young lady. To this marriage were also born four children, and two are living: Macy, who married Bertha Smith, and has two children, and Ora, wife of William Boman, of Mentone. Mr. and Mrs. Sarber are very active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a democrat in politics, but has never sought official honors.

George G. Cook has given the years of an active life, thirty or more, to the business of farming and stock dealing, and his present home is a valuable body of land in section 36 of Franklin Township, five miles south of Mentone.

He was born in the same section of Franklin Township, January 16, 1866, a son of Alexander and Mary (Davidson) Cook. His parents were both born in Scotland and in the same locality. His father was born June 12, 1827, and in 1852 came to the United States. Landing in New York City, he went on to Ashland County, Ohio, where he went to work as a stone mason, a trade he had learned in Scotland. He worked in that line for several years in Ohio and then engaged in the saw mill business. After coming to the United States he earned money sufficient to bring over his widowed mother and other members of the family, and on the same boat that transported them to America there came Mary Davidson, from the same Scotch neighborhood, and not long after her arrival she and Alexander Cook

were married. Then for several years he continued in the saw mill business in Ohio, and about 1863 brought his mill to Kosciusko County and set up the machinery in Franklin Township, where he sawed up vast quantities of timber and continued the operation of the mill until 1898. After coming to Indiana he went back to Ohio for the purpose of casting his vote at the second election of Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He was a sturdy and steadfast supporter of the republican party. He and his wife were members of the Christian Church and gave liberal support to all public and religious movements in their community. In their family were seven children, one of whom died in infancy, and the others were Alexander J., William A., Mary B., who married Clem Jones; Ida H., now deceased; Maggie J., also deceased, and George G.

George G. Cook has spent practically all his life in Franklin Township, and as he grew up here was educated in the common schools. In January, 1889, he married Miss Mary Thompson, who was also born in this locality. They had five children, and the three now living are: Grace J., a graduate of the common schools and a former student in the high school, which she attended nearly four years, now the wife of Oren C. Craig; Merle, a graduate of the common schools and high school, unmarried and living at home; and Willis, who graduated from the Akron High School and is now serving with the rank of corporal in the United States Army.

Mr. Cook is affiliated with Akron Lodge of Masons and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Warsaw. He is a republican and has been quite active in the party. His farm comprises 100 acres, and this valuable estate represents his individual efforts and management, with the exception of about a thousand dollars which was his primary capital. Mr. Cook is also one of the directors of the Exchange Bank of Akron.

William E. Davis has been continuously identified with the mercantile and civic affairs of the village of Burkett for over thirty years, almost in fact since the village was founded, and anyone who knows Burkett also knows William E. Davis. For the past eight years he has served as postmaster, handling those duties besides supervising his store.

Mr. Davis was born in Union County, Indiana, August 25, 1858, a son of Edmund and Elizabeth (Krauss) Davis. His father was born in England, while his mother was a native of Germany. Both came to the United States when young people, were married at Cincinnati, Ohio, and then moved to a farm in Union County, Indiana. They lived in Putnam County, Ohio, during their last years. They had only two children, William E. and Mary E. The latter is the wife of S. C. Arnold, of Ottawa, Ohio.

William E. Davis spent a portion of his youth on his father's farm in Union County. He also attended school there and completed his education in the high school at Ottawa, Ohio. After graduation from high school he taught for five years and left that vocation to identify himself with the Town of Burket in 1884. About two years

later he built the building, 44 by 130 feet, which he has occupied by a large and varied stock of general merchandise and which has been one of the principal trading centers of this community for thirty years. Mr. Davis began with limited capital and has made individual service and hard work his principal asset in life.

He takes justifiable pride in the fine family of children who have grown up in his home. March 19, 1879, he married Ada J. Parker. She was born at Kalida, Ohio. Their children are six in number. The oldest, Edmund P., a graduate of high school and of Indiana University, from which he received the degree Master of Arts, also has a degree from Clark University, and for nine years was head of the Department of Mathematics in the State College of Pennsylvania. Recently his services have been acquired as professor of mathematics by the Pratt Institute at Brooklyn, New York. The second son, George E., who graduated A. B. from Indiana State University, has also been a successful teacher, and was head of the Science Department of the Mishawaka, Indiana, High School until he accepted a position in government service as a draftsman at Philadelphia, handling the plans for concrete ship construction. Guido W., a high school graduate, became identified in August, 1918, with the aeroplane department of the Packard Motor Works. The daughter, Mary, is the wife of H. E. Rancevan. Lena married H. J. McGinley. Ethel is the wife of Glen Hatfield.

Mr. Davis and family are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has been a member of the official board and for four years was president of the Kosciusko County Sunday School Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically his associations have connected him with the democratic party since he attained voting age.

JOSEPH E. FOREMAN has been one of the busy and enterprising factors in the citizenship of Seward Township for a number of years. His fundamental interests are as a farmer, but he is also secretary and treasurer of the Burket Equity Union Elevator. This is a business that furnishes the medium to many farmers and grain raisers around Burket for the adequate storage and marketing of their crops. The elevator company has as its officers and directors the following well known local citizens: George M. Alexander, president; A. D. Sands, vice president; Joseph E. Forman, secretary and treasurer; W. A. Hoffman and J. A. Bechtol, directors; and Albert H. Parker, manager.

Mr. Foreman was born two miles east of Burket in Seward Township, August 10, 1876. He is a son of Robert and Mary (Stumpff) Foreman, both of whom were natives of Snyder County, Pennsylvania. The grandfather, Elias Foreman, also a native of Pennsylvania, was the son of a native of Germany, who on coming to the United States located in Pennsylvania. Robert Foreman, who was born October 30, 1844, grew up in Snyder County, Pennsylvania, married at Three Rivers, Michigan, February 29, 1872, and soon

afterward he and his wife came to Kosciusko County and for two years rented a farm two and a half miles east of Burket. They then bought their own place of eighty acres and were thrifty farmers and good citizens of that locality the rest of their lives. Robert Foreman died February 12, 1911, and his wife February 15, 1918. They were devout members of the Lutheran Church and among its leading supporters. Robert Foreman voted as a republican and had a record as a soldier of the Civil War, having been with Company H of the One Hundred and Eighty-Fourth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He and his wife had two children, Joseph E. and Sarah E. Sarah married for her first husband Albert Pumley and later became the wife of Jacob Hatfield. She was the mother of three children.

Joseph E. Foreman grew up on his father's farm and acquired a liberal education. After utilizing all that the district schools could give him he attended the Tri-State Normal School at Angola, and with that preparation entered actively into educational work, a profession he followed for twelve years.

June 10, 1905, Mr. Foreman married Eliza J. Roberts. Mrs. Foreman was born in Kosciusko County and was educated in district and select schools, and her record as a teacher covered terms through nineteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Foreman are active supporters of the Church of the Living God. Mr. Foreman is a member of the National Horse Thief Detective Association. In March, 1918, he and his wife moved to the Village of Burkett. He owns and supervises the operation of a farm of 120 acres, and also owns a half interest in another place of 100 acres.

Clem A. Jones has been a factor in the community around Burket and in Franklin Township for a number of years. From the farm and farm management his interests have extended to local banks and other business concerns, and he is one of the influential and representative citizens of that community. His farm is in Franklin Township, three miles southwest of Burket.

He was born in Seward Township of this county, February 4, 1867, a son of John and Nancy (Hire) Jones. He grew up as a boy on a farm two and a half miles southwest of Burkett, this old place being situated on the Angling road. The summer months he employed working on the farm and usually attended school in winter. He was at home until past twenty-one, then married Mary Cook, daughter of Alexander Cook, one of the early and prominent pioneers of Franklin Township. Mrs. Jones was born in Ohio and was educated in the common schools.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Jones rented his father's farm five miles west of Warsaw fourteen years, and then moved to the place where they now live and where they have eighty acres under cultivation and in a high state of improvement. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have two children: Golda, a graduate of the common schools, is the wife of Russell Ring. Ivan, who farms a mile south and two miles east of Burkett, married Roxie Kuhn. Mrs. Jones is a member of the United Brethren Church. In politics he is a democrat, but is satis-

fied to cast his vote, and has no desire for local office. He lives very busily, looking after his live stock and crops, and is also a stockholder in the Bank of Seward and is one of the directors, and is a stockholder in the Equity Union Elevator at Burket.

Ulysses B. Howard is one of the business men of constructive mold and special energy who are giving life and vitality to affairs at Burket. He is a business man, though he could be justly classified as a farmer, and it is to agriculture that he devotes most of his time. He is also one of the local bankers, and for many years was a railway man. He comes of a good old Indiana family, but his prosperity has been almost entirely the result of his efforts and well directed energies.

Mr. Howard was born in Whitley County, Indiana, April 11, 1862, son of Daniel and Margaret (Blaine) Howard. His father was a native of Pennsylvania and his mother of Ohio. His mother was brought to Indiana when two years old and his father came here when about twenty-two. Daniel Howard learned the trade of blacksmith, and in 1862 enlisted in Company B of the Seventy-Fourth Indiana Infantry. He served until the end of the war, was a private, and a large part of the time was assigned to duty as a regimental blacksmith. After the war he returned to Whitley County, and in 1883 moved to Kosciusko County, and was the honest village blacksmith in Burket until his death in 1912. His wife passed away in 1908. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he was a republican and member of the Grand Army of the Republic. In their family were eight children, all of whom are still living. It is noteworthy that Daniel Howard, who died at a good old age, was the first break in the circle of thirteen children, the sons and daughters of his father. The eight children of Daniel Howard are: Ulysses B.; Cora, wife of Frank Vancuren; Dora, wife of S. R. Bunch; Curtis, who lives in Northern Indiana; Milo, a farmer in Seward Township; Stella, wife of Oscar Johnson; James, a farmer in Seward Township; Raymond, of Burket.

U. B. Howard lived in Whitley County until he was twenty years of age, and while there gained his education in the district schools. Even prior to that he had worked at monthly wages and he early learned how to rely upon himself. December 29, 1887, at the age of twenty-five, he married Miss Edith Meyer, member of an old and well known family of Kosciusko County. She is a daughter of Aaron and Susanna H. (Dreisbach) Meyer. Her father was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and her mother was a native of the same state. Her mother was brought to Kosciusko County when a girl of twelve and her father came here at the age of twenty-one. In 1854 they settled in Kosciusko County. Mrs. Howard was reared in Seward Township.

After their marriage they began housekeeping at Hammond, Indiana, and soon afterwards moved to Chicago, where Mr. Howard went to work as a depot employe of one of the railroads. He was in the service of one company for thirteen years, and that service was characterized by diligence and complete faithfulness to all the inter-

ests of the corporation. It was with what he had earned and saved while in the city that he returned to Kosciusko County and bought his original farm of seventy-three and a third acres. In 1915 he acquired still more land, so that his present place, located a half-mile north of Burket, contains 116 2-3 acres. This is the farm and the home which reflects in large degree the substantial work of Mr. Howard. He is also one of the directors of the Bank of Seward and in politics is a republican.

He and his wife have three sons. Cecil, a graduate of the Burket and Warsaw High Schools, is a graduate civil engineer from Purdue University, being now connected with the Smith Construction Company at Detroit. Claude is also a high school graduate, and Homer, the youngest son, is now proprietor of the principal garage at Burket. Mrs. Howard is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

J. Warren Coleman. The county has had no more energetic and better citizen during the past forty years than J. Warren Coleman of Warsaw. Far and wide over this section of the state he is known as a capable insurance man, and has been the principal factor in making the Ohio Farmers Insurance Company one of the most important conservators against fire losses in Kosciusko County. Outside of his private business his name is closely associated with the organized welfare and progress movement in Warsaw.

While not himself a native of Kosciusko County, he belongs to a family which may justly be considered among Indiana's pioneers. His grandfather, Daniel Coleman, settled in Allen County, this state, at a period when wild Indians were more plentiful than white men. In the course of years he acquired extensive holdings in real estate and was very intimately identified with the early history of the county of which Fort Wayne is the metropolis. His son Augustus, father of J. Warren, spent his youth and early manhood after the manner of pioneer boys in northwest Indiana, and married Sarah M. Whittaker. In the fall of 1861 he offered his services in defense of the Union and was enrolled in the Forty-Fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. His service was brief. On April 4, 1862, he died from exposure while suffering from an attack of the black measles. Two of his four children are still living. His widow afterwards married Robert Anderson and had two children by that union.

J. Warren Coleman spent his early life on a farm in Allen County, and while thus engaged he enjoyed such advantages as the local district schools were able to bestow. In 1869, when rising to manhood, he went to Logansport and for five years was employed in a lumber yard there, and that was the basis of his business experience. Afterwards, with his brother Louis F., he operated the old homestead for one year, and the two then bought a fruit farm on Tippecanoe Lake in Kosciusko County.

From the scenes of country life Mr. Coleman in 1878 moved to Warsaw, and engaged in the general insurance business. This has been his line for the past thirty-eight years, and he is probably the oldest man in the business in this section of Indiana. After twelve

years he became general agent for the Ohio Farmers Insurance Company, and has now held that post and looked after local business for the company for a quarter of a century. In the meantime he has placed and adjusted millions of dollars of insurance.

In many ways the wise counsel and material aid of Mr. Coleman have been utilized for the good of the community. For fifteen years he was a member of the city Board of Education, twelve years of that time serving as president of the body, and under his administration there was a wise provision for the local schools and in many directions a distinct advance and improvement. To no one organization does the county seat owe more for its present prosperity than the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce, and it should be noted that Mr. Coleman was one of the leading spirits in its organization, was a liberal contributor to its campaigns, and has always been a director since it was established. It was largely his idea and his active leadership that brought about the construction of the present splendid home for the Knights of Pythias at Warsaw. He is a member of both the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men, and in politics is a republican.

On October 22, 1874, Mr. Coleman married Miss Mary Aman. They became the parents of two children: Eugene A. and Mabel C. The daughter is the wife of Cyrus Hall, a banker of Leesburg, Indiana.

The son, Eugene A., was born August 16, 1876, and acquired his education in the public schools of Warsaw, at Notre Dame University and in Otterbein College. Just prior to graduation from the latter institution, which however, subsequently awarded him his diploma, war with Spain was declared and he left school to become a member of Company H, One Hundred and Sixtieth Indiana Infantry. At Matanzas, Cuba, he was employed as clerical aide to General Sanger. After the war was over he joined his father in the insurance business. When life was at its brightest, possessed of loyal friends, with wife and child, a beautiful new home, with every incentive to live, he was stricken by disease and died in 1910. His wife before her marriage was Miss Flora Hall, and their only child was named Eugenia. Eugene A Coleman, whose brief but productive career should long be cherished, was identified with the United Brethren Church, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Fred A. McSherry is a native of Kosciusko County, and for over thirty years has applied his energies to the business of farming and stock raising, and is easily one of the most substantial business men and citizens of Seward Township. His farm home is on Rural Route No. 4 out of Claypool, three and a half miles west and a mile and three-quarters north of that town. Mr. McSherry's interests are not alone identified with the farm, since his operations as a stock buyer and feeder have brought him high standing among the stock men of this section of the state, and he is one of the leading shippers out of Burket.

Mr. McSherry was born on the farm where he now resides August 28, 1867, and is the only surviving child of Frederick and Elizabeth (Wilks) McSherry. His father was a native of Ohio and his mother of Pennsylvania. His father was brought to Kosciusko County when three years old and grew up here. The mother came to Indiana when a young woman, and she and her husband were married in this county. They spent their lives here as practical and successful farmers. They were devout members of the United Brethren Church and Frederick McSherry was a republican in politics. He and his son owned 458 acres in Seward Township, and that estate is the basis of the son's enterprise as a farmer and stockman today. There were five children in the family, but four of them died while young.

Fred A. McSherry, after getting his education in the local schools, became his father's assistant on the farm, and gradually from year to year assumed more of its responsibilities, and since the death of his parents has been its owner and proprietor. He buys stock in carload lots and practically all the resources of his farm are turned toward the raising of meat for the market.

Mr. McSherry married Dora Tucker, a native of this county, who was educated in the schools of Burket. To their union were born eleven children, ten of whom are still living: Lillie, wife of Robert Chinworth of Warsaw; Clancy, a graduate of Burket High School, who is married and lives on the home farm in Seward Township; Charles, a graduate of the Burket High School, and now a soldier in the United States Army; Foy, a graduate of the Burket High School and a teacher; Mary, John and Edith, all high school students; Catherine, who is in the seventh grade of the public schools; Dorothy; Paul, deceased; and Wilbur. In political faith Mr. McSherry is a republican.

William Hanes. Of the men who have made farming and the management of land and its resources their chief business in life, it is a special pleasure to refer to William Hanes, proprietor of the Sugar Lane Farm of 200 acres, situated four miles northwest of Silver Lake in Seward Township. Mr. Hanes is an old timer of this community, has lived here all his life, and his boyhood strength and enthusiasm were contributed to the sum total of labors by which his family succeeded in the heavy pioneer task of developing a portion of Kosciusko County's original wilderness.

The Sugar Lane Farm was the old Hanes homestead where he was born March 19, 1849, a son of John A. and Catherine (Good) Hanes. Catherine Good was a native of Perry County, Ohio, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Hoffman) Good, who were originally from Pennsylvania and were settlers in Franklin Township of Kosciusko County about 1840. John A. Hanes in 1844, as a young man, moved from Hancock County, Ohio, to Kosciusko County, and he married Catherine Good January 6, 1846. In the same year he located on the old Hanes homestead, and he made his home there until the death of his wife. John A. Hanes died at Terre Haute, Indiana. For his second wife he married Mary Moore, and there were six children by each

marriage. The six by his first wife, Catherine Good, were: Emeline, William, George, Mary E., Leander and Catherine.

Of these the only one still living is William Hanes. While a boy on the farm he attended the local schools and made such good use of his advantages that he entered the profession of teaching and followed it for ten winters. At the age of sixteen he tried to get into the nation's service as a soldier in the Civil War, which was then nearing its conclusion, but was rejected on account of his age.

In December, 1874, Mr. Hanes married Miss Elizabeth Stout, who was born in Ohio and was brought to this county by her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Hanes have three children: Luella, who died in childhood; Charles V., who lives on the home farm and married Nora Shoemaker and Roy E., a graduate of the Silver Lake High School, and now in the dry goods business at Silver Lake, married Opal Kirland.

Mr. Hanes many years ago bought the old Hanes homestead and has kept it in a perfect condition of cultivation and improvement so that it is widely known for its crops and live stock. Mr. and Mrs. Hanes are members of the United Brethren Church, and he is a republican, without any aspirations for holding office.

JOSEPH SMALLEY is one of Kosciusko County's well known citizens who started life with no particular advantages or assets, and by thrift and industry has gradually accumulated those means which represent financial independence. Mr. Smalley has been a resident of this county over thirty-five years, owns a farm, but in 1918 retired to a town home at Burket.

Mr. Smalley was born in Noble County, Indiana, January 31, 1842, a son of David and Margaret (Shoab) Smalley. The grandfather, Joseph Smalley, a native of Ohio, was a pioneer to Noble County, Indiana, going there about 1830, and enduring all the hardships and vicissitudes connected with the task of making a home in a wilderness. David Smalley grew up in Noble County, attended public school as opportunity offered, and after his marriage settled down to farming and made that his lifelong home. He and his wife had three children: Melissa, who never married and died at the age of seventy-four; Jacob, who lives on the old homestead and is a stock buyer; and Joseph.

Joseph Smalley lived with his parents until he was grown, and his early youth was one of companionship with labor and without ready access to those liberalizing advantages of schools. On November 17, 1871, he married Miss Mary Bybee, member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Kosciusko County. Her father, Washington Bybee, was at one time county commissioner and was on the board when the court house was erected. Mrs. Smalley grew up on her father's farm in Franklin Township and was educated in the common schools. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Smalley lived for thirteen years in Noble County, but in 1882 moved to their farm of 160 acres, half in Franklin and half in Seward townships. This property they still own, and Mr. Smalley also has a half interest in

144 acres in Noble County. He is a republican in politics and Mrs. Smalley is a member of the United Brethren Church.

Of their children two are deceased. Those still living are: Harry, who lives on a farm and married Miss Borton; Gertrude, wife of Frank Bear, a farmer; and Lucinda, unmarried.

GEORGE W. BOUSE is one of the capable farmers and stock raisers of Kosciusko County, made his start in life at an early age, worked at one time for farmers at wages of $3 a month, and by thrift, energy and foresight has accomplished what most men desire, the establishment of a good home, a fair degree of prosperity, and has reared a family and kept all of his relations to his friends and his community honorable and straightforward.

Mr. Bouse who lives on a farm in Seward Township four and a half miles northwest of Silver Lake, was born in Fulton County, Indiana, February 13, 1866, a son of John and Mary A. (Worley) Bouse. His father was born in Germany and his real name was John Prince. Brought to this country as an infant, his parents soon died and he was adopted and carefully reared by John Bouse, whose name he took. After reaching manhood, and with a very limited education, he began to carve out his own destiny. He married Mary A. Worley, a native of Ohio, and they began housekeeping in circumstances just above the level of poverty, but by day labor, by thrift and economy, they got a start and finally secured a piece of land in Monroe Township of Kosciusko County, where in the course of time they developed a good home. They did an excellent part by their children, twelve in number, nine of whom are still living: Catherine, wife of Ben Perry; Nancy, wife of Jake Hulban; Tena, wife of Charles Near; Lydia, wife of A. J. Packer; Harvey, a farmer; William, who lives in Columbus, Ohio, and is employed by the United States Government; Ollie, wife of James Craig, of Monroe Township; Dessie, wife of Al Cook of McCook, Nebraska; and George W.

George W. Bouse grew up on his father's farm in Monroe Township, and left school at the age of eleven to begin work to support himself. Some of his early employment was with farmers in Seward Township, where he now lives. He gained the reputation of being hard working, honest and a thrifty young man, and that reputation was his principal capital when he married and settled down to achieve independence. Mr. Bouse is now the owner of 130 acres of land, most of which represents his individual efforts and striving, and he has been a very successful breeder of Shorthorn cattle and Belgian horses. He is a democrat in politics and he and his family are identified with the United Brethren Church at Yellow Creek Lake.

Mr. Bouse married for his first wife Miss Wava Mattix. She died the mother of two children, the only one now living being Walter, who is a graduate of the high school at Claypool. For his present wife Mr. Bouse married Etta Miller. They have two children, Alton D., born in 1915, and Lauretta, born October 6, 1917.

ORVEN A. HEIGHWAY. A well situated and circumstanced farmer and stockman of Franklin Township is Orven A. Heighway, proprietor of the "Hillside Home" in section 26. Mr. Heighway is one of the vigorous and hustling younger men in the farming industry of Kosciusko County and has already reached a most satisfactory stage of progress, though doubtless the most fruitful years of his life is still ahead of him.

Mr. Heighway was born in Newcastle Township of Fulton County, Indiana, August 23, 1883. His parents were Empson A. and Keziah (Teel) Heighway, his father a native of Ohio and his mother of Franklin Township, Kosciusko County. Empson A. Heighway was born in Ohio, was reared in Illinois, and moved to Indiana when a boy, and after his marriage lived in Kosciusko County for a time and then settled in Fulton County, near Akron. He and his wife are members of the Church of Christ, and in politics he is a republican. There are six children in the family: Leslie M., a telegraph operator at Bluffton, Ohio; Charles W., of Plymouth, Indiana; Mary C., unmarried; Maggie A., wife of Sidney Leininger; Cora, who died in infancy; and Orven A.

Orven A. Heighway grew up on his father's farm in Fulton County and was educated in the district schools. He lived at home until he married in 1904 Miss Nellie M. Black. She is a daughter of John R. and Lucinda Black, both now residing in Montone. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Heighway lived for a year on the Black farm and then came to their present place, where they have 120 acres, and this land has responded magnificently in crops and products to their management and labors.

Mr. and Mrs. Heighway had four children: Edith, Frances, now deceased, Robert and Wanda. The family are members of the United Brethren Church at Beaver Dam, of which Mr. Heighway is a trustee and secretary and treasurer. He carries insurance in the Modern Woodmen of America, and also in the Farmers National Life. In politics he votes as a republican, and has served as a member of the Township Advisory Board.

THERON D. BUTTERBAUGH is one of the men of distinction living on the extreme southern line of Kosciusko County, his farm and home being in the southeast quarter of section 14, Lake Township, adjoining the Wabash County line and only a mile or so from the Big Four Railway. Mr. Butterbaugh has a fine farm and is also a man of education and of leadership in civic affairs and is an ordained minister of the Church of the Brethren. His home is 5½ miles southeast of Silver Lake.

Mr. Butterbaugh was born in Pleasant Township of Wabash County June 18, 1872, a son of George W. and Lydia (Miller) Butterbaugh. His father was born in section 14 of Lake Township September 28, 1846. The Butterbaugh families were pioneers here, coming to the county about 1840. The wife of George W. Butterbaugh was born in Pleasant Township of Wabash County October 17, 1848. Both grew up in that locality, married there, settled in Wabash

County and later in Lake Township of this county, where they owned 185 acres close to North Manchester. They lived on that farm home thirty years and then bought a small farm where the widow is still living. There were three sons in the family. Theron D.; Abraham, a resident of North Manchester; and Esta, a well known citizen and business man of Warsaw, auditor and a stockholder in the Hugo Manufacturing Company of that city.

Theron D. Butterbaugh was reared on the farm near North Manchester and made for himself unusual opportunities in the way of an education. He is a graduate of the Bible department of the North Manchester College, and also attended the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute. Most of his experience has been in practical farming and on January 20, 1895, he married Miss Mary E. Wright. She was born in Manchester Township of Wabash County July 12, 1876.

Five years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Butterbaugh located on the farm where they now reside, and where Mr. Butterbaugh owns the southeast quarter of section 14. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising. He has been an ordained minister of the Church of the Brethern since December, 1913, and now has charge of the West Eel River Church and does considerable evangelical work. Politically he is a republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Butterbaugh have seven children: Hazel M., a graduate of North Manchester, now in Bethany Bible School in Chicago preparing for foreign missionary work; Rubie M., wife of Russell E. Werking, of Wabash County; Robert E., attending high school, as is the next child, Delbert W.; James D. and Paul R., twins, born in 1910; and Mariam Lucile, born in January, 1917.

William S. Person. The people of Prairie Township know William S. Person as a most capable farmer, a citizen who responds to all the duties and obligations of his community, and a very straightforward and capable official, now serving as trustee of the township. Many declare that the affairs of the township were never better managed than by the present trustee.

Mr. Person was born in this township October 7, 1871, and has spent most of his life here. His present home farm is a mile west and a mile north of Atwood. His parents were William and Margaret (McCutcheon) Person, both now deceased. His father was born at Richmond, Indiana, in May, 1830, and when he was a small child his parents moved to LaPorte County, Indiana, where he grew to manhood. Margaret McCutcheon was born in Pennsylvania February 14, 1840, and came with her parents to Liberty Mills in Wabash County. She married at the age of fourteen. She reared in her home after her marriage her baby brother, who later ran off and enlisted as a soldier in the Civil war. He made a record as a brave and gallant soldier, and is still living, a very capable business man. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. William Person lived at Liberty Mills for several years and then moved to Collamer in Whitley County, where he established the first grocery store. Margaret Person was an

active member of the United Brethren Church. They had a family of five sons and one daughter: Charles, of Bourbon, Indiana; Edward, of Atwood; Benjamin, of Bourbon; Sarah, wife of Frank Henderson, of Warsaw; William S.; and Rollie E., of North Dakota.

William S. Person grew up on the farm where he still lives and acquired an education in the district schools, attending school in the winter and working on the farm in the summer. After leaving school he took employment with a neighboring farmer and spent six years in his service.

In November, 1894, he married Miss Ida Mangus. She was born in St. Joseph County, Indiana, and was educated in the common schools of Kosciusko County, where her parents located when she was a small girl. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Person engaged in farming, and now have a place of fine improvements comprising seventy-five acres. Mr. Person is a successful stock raiser and has a number of graded Durham cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Person are the parents of four sons and one daughter: Hershel, a graduate of the common schools, is now with the American Armies in France; Hobard also finished the common school course and lives at Fort Wayne. Harley lives at home. Emma is a senior in high school, and the youngest, William, was born in 1913. Mr. Person is affiliated with Atwood Lodge No. 493, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is the present Noble Grand. He is a republican in politics and has been one of the active leaders in local politics for a number of years. For fourteen years he served as supervisor, and in 1914 was elected township trustee, beginning his duties in January, 1915.

S. B. Iden. Probably the only bank in the State of Indiana that is owned and managed from president to assistant cashier by one family is the Etna Bank at Etna Green. All the offices in this institution are held by persons named Iden. S. B. Iden is president, Mrs. S. B. Iden is vice president, the cashier is their daughter Altha M., the two assistant cashiers are also other daughters, Mary A. and Amy J. The Etna Bank was established in 1900, and supplies the only banking facilities of the town of Etna Green. It has a capital of $20,000, surplus of $10,000, and a recent statement indicates that its deposits aggregate more than $300,000, all of which is a most creditable showing for a country bank, and indicates the confidence the people of that part of Kosciusko County have in the personnel of its management and ownership.

Mr. Iden has been a resident of Kosciusko County since early childhood. He was born in Carroll County, Ohio, May 21, 1860, a son of Washington and Eliza (Heston) Iden, and a grandson of George Iden. Both his parents were born in Carroll County, Ohio, Washington Iden in 1815 and his mother in 1818. They were reared and married in that county, lived on a farm there for a number of years, and in 1864 brought their family to Etna Township of Kosciusko County and established a new home on a farm north of Etna Green. Washington Iden was one of the most capable farmers of his

time. He was as progressive and ready to adopt new ideas as he was diligent and capable in routine affairs. He is credited with having introduced into this part of Kosciusko County the first Poland China hogs and the first Durham cattle. At one time he was president of the Bourbon Fair in Marshall County. His name also appears on some of the older official lists of the township. For a number of years he was township assessor. He began voting as a whig, and cast a ballot for General William Henry Harrison. Later he was equally active in the republican party. He and his wife were members of the Christian Church. They were the parents of eleven children, and seven are still living. The father died in 1903. The son Thomas J. lives in Iowa, while John, William A., L. A., Florence and S. B. are all residents of Etna Township. Mary C. is married and lives in New Mexico.

S. B. Iden was four years old when brought to Kosciusko County, and here he attended the district schools of his home township, also the schools at Warsaw, and early qualified for work as a teacher. For ten years he taught school in different parts of the county, and after giving up that vocation took up the business of stock buying. Since the establishment of the Etna Bank he has concentrated his principal time and energies upon its management, and in 1910 erected the substantial building in which the bank has its home.

Mr. Iden lived at home with his parents until he was thirty years of age. February 15, 1891, he married Miss Viola Yeiter. She was born in Prairie Township of this county, was well educated, and had also taught school before her marriage. They have three daughters: Altha May, who is a graduate of the Etna Green High School and is cashier of the bank; Mary Avis, who is a high school graduate and also attended the State University three years; and Amy J., who graduated from the local high school with the class of 1918 and is attending the State University. The family are members of the Christian Church and Mr. Iden is one of the church trustees. He is a loyal republican in politics, and served one term as trustee of Etna Township, and for about ten years has been a member of the County Council.

Forrest Knepper has a number of interests to occupy his time and energies. He is the present trustee of Etna Township, has lived in that community for a number of years and gained a reputation as a farmer and stock man, and is one of Kosciusko County's best known republican leaders.

He was born in Whitley County, Indiana, June 4, 1873, a son of Lewis and Matilda (Sevits) Knepper. His parents were both born in Ohio, and their respective families moved to Indiana when they were young. After their marriage they settled on a farm in Whitley County, but in 1888 moved to Kosciusko County and had their home in Etna Township until October, 1917, when they moved to another farm in Tippecanoe Township of Marshall County. They are still active and have a host of friends in Kosciusko County. They are members of the Christian Church and Lewis Knepper is a democrat.

They had four children. Iva is the wife of Edwin Gay, of Etna Township. Dora died at the age of sixteen and Homer died when twelve years old.

Forrest Knepper was fifteen years old when the family came to Kosciusko County, and he grew to manhood on the farm in Etna Township. He acquired a good education, at first in the common schools, later in the North Manchester College, and after a normal course began teaching at the age of eighteen. For six years teaching was his chief occupation. He had also acquired by experience a thorough knowledge of farming, and for ten years he worked with an elevator company at Warsaw, Indiana.

April 4, 1898, Mr. Knepper married Miss Lucy Towns. She was born in Marshall County, Indiana, and is a graduate of the common schools. Mr. and Mrs. Knepper have three children, Lucile, Robert and Lyndon. Lucile is a graduate of the Etna Green High School, attended the Winona School, and is now a teacher in Etna Township. Robert is a graduate of the common and high schools and spent one year in the State University. Lyndon is attending high school at Etna Green.

The family are members of the Christian Church, and Mr. Knepper is one of its deacons. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and is a republican in politics. He has served as a member of the county central committee and in his present office as township trustee is carefully looking after the welfare of the schools and highways, and all the other routine business connected with his office. Mr. Knepper has a good farm of 120 acres, and also rents 160 acres. All this land is devoted to pasturing and the raising of grain crops, and he is one of the shippers of livestock out of the county.

Charles C. Johnson has figured prominently in the business affairs and citizenship of Etna Green and Etna Township for many years. His present work in relationship to the community is as general farmer and stock raiser, his home being a quarter of a mile east of Etna Green.

Mr. Johnson was born in Stark County, Ohio, August 6, 1862, a son of Daniel and Jane (Brush) Johnson. His father was born in Pennsylvania September 14, 1837, and his mother in New York state April 10, 1836. Both are still living and both are past the age of eighty years. They grew up from childhood in Stark County, were married there, and in 1874 moved to Kosciusko County and located south of Etna Green. They continued to live in that farming community until 1892, when they moved into the village of Etna Green, where they are still living. Daniel Johnson owns 194 acres of well cultivated land in Etna Township. He is a republican voter and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. There were four children in the family: Florence M., wife of Douglas Senour; Charles C.; Oscar A., who married Lulu Shenefield and lives south of Etna Green; and Daniel C., who died in fancy.

Mr. Charles C. Johnson grew up on the old farm and obtained a

good education in the local schools. He worked on the farm and lived with his parents to the age of twenty-two.

December 9, 1887, he married Miss Cora A. Catell, who was born in Kosciusko County, June 2, 1865, daughter of Joseph B. and Alice (Garwood) Catell. Mrs. Johnson has spent practically all her life in Kosciusko County. After their marriage they farmed his father's farm two years, then lived on Mrs. Johnson's father's farm for a year and another year on the Senour farm. After this experience as a practical agriculturist Mr. Johnson went to Etna Green and became identified with the company as a partner operating the local flour milling industry, elevator and lumber yard. He was a factor in that business for seven years, at the end of which time he sold out his interests and resumed farming, though he made his home in the village for three years longer. He moved to his present farm in 1901.

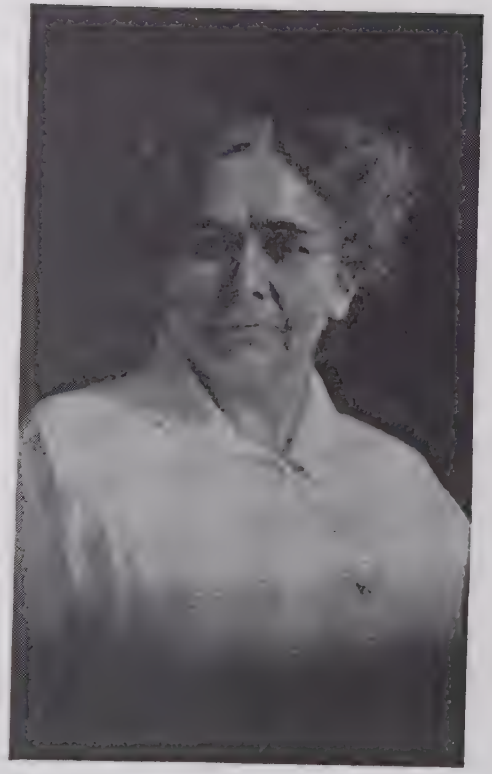
Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two children: Ethel J. is a graduate of the Etna Green High School, and is still at home. Charles H. was born November 5, 1905, and is still a school boy. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mr. Johnson is on its official board. Politically he is a republican.

CHARLES A. KINTZEL. The people of Kosciusko County know Charles A. Kintzel particularly for his very efficient service as sheriff of the county, and many remember the fact that he was at the time of his election the youngest sheriff the county ever had. Aside from his activity in public affairs he has for many years been one of the successful and progressive farmers of Etna Township, and since leaving the court house has resumed farming on his place three-quarters of a mile north of Etna Green.

Mr. Kintzel was born in Prairie Township, February 15, 1871, a son of Christian and Mary (Anglin) Kintzel. While he is of German ancestry, his people have been Americans for more than a century, in fact since the colonial period in Pennsylvania.

David Kintzel, grandfather of Charles A., was a tanner by trade and owned and operated two tanneries in Pennsylvania. He married Mary Rathfang, and they had ten children, including Christian Kintzel, father of Charles A. In 1865 David Kintzel brought his family to Kosciusko County. Christian Kintzel was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1848, and was still a youth when the family came to Kosciusko County. He grew up in Prairie Township, and after his marriage moved to Etna Township, southeast of Etna Green, and that locality is still his home. He is a republican in politics. His first wife died in February, 1871, her only child being Charles A. Kintzel.

Charles A. Kintzel grew up on his father's farm, but was reared principally in the home of his grandparents and uncles. He had a common school education, and on January 3, 1891, he married Minnie B. Silvius. She was born in Etna Township March 3, 1873, daughter of Jacob and Emma (Hershner) Silvius. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Kintzel lived for a time on the Silvius farm, and then moved to another place, which they occupied for a time, following



G. A. McClure

Mrs G. A. McClure

which they bought the eighty acres where they still reside. Mr. Kintzel gave all his time to his farming and stock raising until elected to the office of sheriff in 1910. His term of service ran until January 1, 1915, at which time he returned to the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Kintzel have one daughter, Erma C., born October 2, 1899, and now a student in the Indiana Central University at Indianapolis, specializing in music. The family are members of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Kintzel is affiliated with the Warsaw Lodge of Odd Fellows, and is a republican, and has served as county chairman of his party.

G. A. McCLURE. Kosciusko County has few large farms in the sense of states further west, and the possession of a section of land here gives its owner special distinction. During the past seventy or eighty years some of the largest and choicest tracts of farm land in the county have been owned by the McClures. One of this family is G. A. McClure, widely known as proprietor of the Bonnie Brae's Stock Farm, consisting of 600 acres, located three miles west of Silver Lake in Seward Township.

Before further mention of Mr. McClure and his activities it is proper to take up the career of his honored father, the late Elias McClure, whose experiences furnish material for almost a chapter of valuable history of this locality.

Elias McClure was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, January 18, 1813, a son of Samuel and Eliza (Edwards) McClure, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Scotland. After the death of Samuel McClure the widowed mother took her two sons, Elias and Robert E., to Ontario County, New York, and there she married a second husband. Largely on account of the early death of his father Elias McClure became dependent upon his own resources when a very small boy. He worked on a farm at $3 a month, and when this wage was increased to $14 it was the highest sum paid in that locality for farm labor. In the meantime he gained his education by the most strenuous efforts and self denial. While attending district schools he did chores for his board, these chores including the milking of 12 cows, the feeding of 150 head of cattle and attending to several teams night and morning. At the age of fourteen he had become a capitalist. He loaned his employer $102, and soon afterwards experienced a sample of ingratitude when, having met with an accident and broken both his legs, he was thrown upon the care of the town, since his employer failed to repay the loan. He gradually worked back and accumulated several hundred dollars.

Elias McClure first came to Kosciusko County in 1837, and entered 440 acres. This land was chiefly in Seward Township. Three months later he went to Michigan and from there returned to New York and spent one year as a student in an academy. He was well educated, and taught school several winter terms, working on farms during the summer.

In 1840 Elias McClure married Miss Mary Freeman, who was

born at Rochester, New York, when that city contained only three houses. Her birth occurred September 30, 1822. After his marriage Elias McClure rented a farm for four years, but in 1844 brought his wife and two sons, Andrew E. and Gideon C., to Kosciusko County, and they followed the lake and river route as far as Wabash and from there attempted to come overland with wagon and team. The roads were in a deplorable condition, and both he and his wife walked most of the way, carrying a child, and for miles they were in mud and water up to their knees. They spent one night at the home of a settler, and such was the scarcity of money in those days Elias McClure did not have enough to pay the nominal sum of 25 cents charged for his lodging. But he kept the debt in mind and promptly paid it some weeks later when he met his entertainer at a house raising. Arriving at his own land in section 3 of Seward Township, Elias McClure erected a simple log cabin, which at first contained neither doors nor windows. With various modifications and improvements this house sheltered the family for twenty-three years. Not a little prejudice existed against Elias McClure because he was a Yankee, and some of the neighbors expressed themselves as sorry that a lazy Yankee had come into the community instead of a good honest Dutchman. The first team he ever had consisted of a yoke of cattle and when one of the steers died this prejudice against the Yankee found expression, and it was difficult for him to get credit for another animal. But in the course of years this prejudice died down because he was not only extremely industrious but was honest and scrupulous to the last penny. His hard work rapidly broadened the area of cultivation surrounding his pioneer home, and his increasing prosperity enabled him to accumulate land until at one time he was the owner of 3,000 acres. In 1867 he moved his family across the road from the old log house into a commodious and comfortable frame building. While he was always extremely adverse to holding any political office, he was devoted to the welfare of the locality and its moral and religious advancement. For a number of terms he served as trustee of Seward Township.

At the time of his death, January 1, 1906, Elias McClure was one of the oldest men in Kosciusko County. He lacked only seven years in reaching the century mark in life. His good wife passed away January 20, 1892. They had a large family of children named Andrew E., Gideon C., Phoebe E., Emma A., Mary, Gain A., Alma and Plunket. Both Andrew and Gideon were soldiers of the Union army and were captured. Andrew returned home, but Gideon was practically starved to death while a prisoner at Andersonville.

It was in the old log home of his father in section 3 of Seward Township that G. A. McClure was born October 4, 1858. Of his brothers and sisters only two are now living, Phoebe, wife of F. M. Jacques, of Lake Township, and Alma, wife of Levi Yount, of Seward Township.

Mr. McClure grew up on the home farm, and besides the district schools spent three years in high school. He has always been

identified with farming and stock raising, and usually on a large scale. He is well known as a breeder of Polled Durham and Shorthorn cattle, and the stock that grows to maturity on his farm commands a ready sale, not only at the commercial markets but with the farmers and stock men who desire such blood for breeding purposes. Mr. McClure is a stanch republican, and was trustee of Seward Township in 1903-04. His splendidly adapted farm of 600 acres is all in one body, and its improvements and facilities are of the very best. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church.

Mr. McClure married Zadie V. Light, daughter of Peter S. and Jerusha (Garvin) Light. Mrs. McClure's maternal grandfather, James Garvin, came to Seward Township in 1835, and Jerusha Garvin was the first white child born in that township. Her birth occurred September 30, 1839. Jerusha Garvin and Peter S. Light were married November 12, 1857. Of their four children only two are now living, Mrs. McClure and Minerva J., of Peru, Indiana. James Garvin became a prominent man in this county, was a representative in the Legislature during 1849-50 and was a leader in the democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Garvin were very religious people, belonging to the Baptist Church, and in early days opened their house for worship until the people were able to erect churches.

Joseph W. Light, an old and respected pioneer of Kosciusko County, was born in Virginia, August 25, 1803. He with his parents came to Ohio in mere childhood and there he grew to manhood. He was married, September 24, 1829, to Martha Dunn, a native of Ohio, born in 1808. To this union were born seven children: Rachel, Simmion, Peter S., Ruben, Virginia and America (twins), and one child that died in infancy. Virginia, now Mrs. William Banning of Marion, Michigan, is the only one of the family living. Mr. Light with his family moved to Kosciusko County, Indiana, in 1843, and bought 320 acres of land in Tippecanoe Township.

Having learned the carpenter trade in his youth and not liking agricultural work he followed his profession. He was a master mechanic of his day and could make anything in wood and was called all over the county to build the better houses. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church at Oswego and he was a deacon in the church. He was a stanch republican and filled at different times some minor offices. He was a lover of his country and named his twins after his native state and country.

Martha Light, his wife, departed this life November 17, 1865, and he died January 12, 1880.

Mr. and Mrs. McClure have one daughter, Theressa, born February 28, 1890, and a graduate of St. Mary of the Woods near Terre Haute. She is now the wife of George Davis of Philadelphia. Besides their own daughter Mr. and Mrs. McClure reared an adopted daughter, Mabel L. Sailors, from the age of nine years. She is also a graduate of St. Mary of the Woods and of the local high school and is now a student of the State University of Indiana.

JOSEPH M. GASKILL, of Etna Township, has done much to train and educate the boys and girls of this county and those of other sections of the state. He has been almost a lifelong teacher, and qualified for that profession after a youth in which he was denied many of the advantages of school. Mr. Gaskill is also a farmer, and has a well improved place of eighty acres a mile east and four miles north of Etna Green.

He was born at an old log house that is still standing on his farm on March 22, 1860, a son of John P. and Anna (Shively) Gaskill. His parents were both born in Stark County, Ohio, his father February 29, 1820, and his mother May 19, 1829. His father died March 10, 1879, at the age of fifty-nine, and his mother on October 10, 1913, aged eighty-five. After their marriage in Stark County they lived for a time in Williams County, Ohio, then went to Marshall County, Indiana, and in 1850 located on the land now owned by their son in Etna Township. The mother was an active member of the Dunkard Church, while the father was of Quaker faith. His name appears on the official list of the township as a trustee. A brief record of the children is as follows: Charles W., a farmer in Kosciusko County; Priscilla, widow of William Huffer, living northwest of Plymouth; Isaac C., a twin, and one died in infancy; Joseph M.; John M., who died at the age of four years; and Hannah L.

Joseph M. Gaskill grew up on the home farm, and until he was seventeen years of age had most limited privileges even in the district schools. Most of his education he acquired out of a spelling book, and in that branch of the literary art became so proficient that in spelling schools far and near he became recognized as one of the most redoubtable performers. Later he secured books, read and studied at home, and at the age of nineteen began applying his meager resources to a higher education. He secured a license to teach school, and in the intervals of teaching attended Valparaiso University a number of terms and also the Plymouth Normal. There has been practically no year in the past thirty when he has not taught part of the time. For nine years he was principal of the Etna Green schools, taught thirty-five years in the country schools of Etna Township, and has also taught in Marshall County.

July 5, 1888, Mr. Gaskill married Myrtle Leffel. She was born near Etna Green, March 29, 1868, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Baker) Leffel. Mrs. Gaskill attended public schools at Etna Green when Mr. Gaskill was her teacher. Their only child died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Gaskill are members of the Christian Church at Etna Green. Mr. Gaskill is a Past Noble Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was formerly identified with the Encampment. In politics he is a republican. For a number of years he held the office of justice of the peace and has served as president of the Board of Trustees of Etna Green, and also treasurer and secretary of the town corporation.

NOBLE W. NEFF is an able young veterinary surgeon living at Milford Junction, and continues the work which was his father's

chosen vocation. The Neffs are an old and prominent family of Kosciusko and Elkhart counties, and the name has been identified with farming, the professional life and the ministry for several generations. The Neff family came out of Virginia to Elkhart County in pioneer times.

Noble W. Neff was born at Milford Junction, August 16, 1897, a son of James and Mary J. (Miller) Neff. His father was born in Elkhart County, October 11, 1857, and died June 8, 1917. His wife was born November 14, 1857. After their marriage they settled on a farm in Elkhart County and later moved to a farm in Kosciusko County, finally locating in Milford Junction. James Neff was an excellent veterinarian as well as practical farmer, and extensive demands were made upon his professional service for many years. He was active in the Church of the Brethren. There were three children in the family: Xoa, an invalid; Grover C. and Noble W. Grover C. Neff has made a name for himself in engineering circles. He graduated from the Milford High School, and at Purdue Uniyersity took the classical courses leading up to the degrees of A. B. and M. A., and is also a graduate civil engineer. For a number of years he has been general superintendent of the Southern Wisconsin Power Company at Portage, Wisconsin, one of the largest hydraulic enterprises in that state. He married May Prehn, a graduate of the Portage High School.

Noble W. Neff grew up at the old home at Milford Junction, was educated in the grammar and high schools, and in 1918 received the degree Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the Indiana Veterinary College. He now carries on his practice and also superintends the operation of a farm of eighty acres. He is unmarried and is a member of the Church of the Brethren at Bethany.

Charles H. Petry. A tract of land owned and occupied by Mr. Charles H. Petry well justifies its appropriate name as the Golden Grain Farm. Mr. Petry understands the business of farming in every detail, gets maximum results, and takes pride in keeping up his place not only as a means of greater production but also as a contribution to the general appearance of the community. The Golden Grain Farm is situated four miles south and a mile west of Mentone in Franklin Township. Mr. Petry has 160 acres.

He was born in Richland County, Ohio, May 5, 1867. In January, 1868, his parents, Jacob and Mary J. (Soveland) Petry, the former a native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Richland County, Ohio, moved to Kosciusko County and established a home in Franklin Township. Their location was close to Beaver Dam Lake, and Jacob Petry besides operating a farm also conducted a sawmill for a number of years. He was a very successful and highly prosperous man, and at the time of his death owned 231 acres. He and his wife are members of the Church of God, and in politics he voted as a democrat. There were four children: Charles H.; Phianna, wife of Horace G. Thomas; Franklin, who

married Elvie East and lives at Lowell, Indiana; and John, who married Nettie Myer and lives in Charles City, Iowa.

Charles H. Petry was eight months old when brought to Kosciusko County, and he has always considered this his home. He had about the average experiences of an Indiana farm boy, attending school in winter and helping in the fields in the summer. He lived at home until his father's death. October 9, 1890, he married Miss Flora Loehr, who was born in Harrison Township of this county.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Petry continued to live at the old Petry homestead near Beaver Dam, and while that farm was under his management he did much to improve it, erecting a commodious brick house and living in it until December, 1914. At that date he sold the old farm and bought his present place.

Mr. and Mrs. Petry have four children: Ferne L., a graduate of common and high schools, and has a successful record as a teacher; Ruth and Reth, both graduates of the high school, the latter the wife of Lester C. Rogers; and Charles G., who is a graduate of high school and had the remarkable record of being neither absent nor tardy during twelve years of school attendance. He is now connected with the brass works at Elkhart. Mr. Petry is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Akron, Indiana. He is one of the influential workers in the democratic party in Franklin Township.

J. C. Grady is one of the men upon whom the nation can rely when it comes to a matter of producing food stuffs in a time of crisis. On his farm five miles southeast of Syracuse in Turkey Creek Township he has the reputation of producing more corn and wheat to the acre than any other man in that section. He has studied farming, has had a lifelong experience at it, and stopped at nothing short of the very best returns and the maximum of efficiency. The raising of staple crops is only part of his varied business. He buys and feeds cattle and hogs in carload lots, and recently he sent to market $9,500 worth of cattle. He has a farm of 184 acres, and he actually runs the farm, instead of letting it run him.

Mr. Grady was born March 31, 1878, in this county, a son of Isaac and Amanda (Markley) Grady. His parents are both natives of Ohio. His mother came to this country with her parents when eight years old, and the land acquired by the Markley family at that time is part of the present Grady farm. Mr. Grady's parents are now living at Goshen, Indiana. Both are active members of the German Baptist Church and in politics the father is a prohibitionist. There were three children: J. C.; Lauretta, a widow living at Goshen; and Chauncey.

J. C. Grady was educated in the district schools, spent several winters in the college at North Manchester, Indiana, and for the past twenty years has applied the best of his talents and energies to the task of farming. May 8, 1904, he married Miss Hattie Elder, a native of Washington Township of Kosciusko County. They have two sons, Glen, born in 1907, and Dean, born in 1912.

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WILLIAM B. ANGLIN, who for a number of years was a local merchant, has successfully given his work and enterprise to a moderate sized farm and has created therefrom most of the comforts and plenty which the family enjoy. He is one of the residents of Prairie Township and has served as trustee of that township.

Mr. Anglin was born in Etna Township of this county May 29, 1846, and is one of the oldest native born citizens of the county. He is a son of Isaac and Catherine (Biggs) Anglin. His mother was a native of Union County, Indiana, while his father was born in West Virginia, October 29, 1814. Isaac Anglin when a young unmarried man came to Kosciusko County in 1836. He was one of the pioneers of Etna Township. His wife came to the county at the age of twenty-one, and after their marriage they located in Etna Township. Catherine Anglin died on that farm in 1857, and her husband continued to live there until 1871 and then moved to another locality, where he had his home until his death in 1891. Of the five children only two are now living, Elam H. and William B. The former is a farmer three-quarters of a mile from Crumett in Prairie Township. Isaac Anglin is remembered as one of the stalwart citizens of the early days in Kosciusko County. He was a loyal member of the Methodist Church, a democrat in politics, and served at one time as justice of the peace and township trustee.

William B. Anglin grew up on the home farm in Etna Township was educated in the district schools and also in the Normal School at Valparaiso. Qualifying as a teacher, he followed that profession in the county for eight terms. Later he took up farming, and eventually located at Angleton, where he conducted a general store for twenty years, and during eleven years of that time was the local postmaster. In the meantime he was developing a farm, and now resides on a good place of 100 acres, the active operation of which is in the hands of his son.

Mr. Anglin has had six children: Clarence, deceased; Gertrude, who was a teacher for nine years and is now the wife of E. H. Smith, of Prairie Township; Grace, deceased; Mabel, formerly a teacher, now living in Hancock County, Ohio; Ethel, a graduate of the common schools and wife of A. D. Holaway, of Chicago; and Washington I., who was a graduate of the common schools, spent one term at Purdue University, and by his marriage to Grace Kitch has six sturdy young boys, this family living on the old homestead. Mr. Anglin is an active member, trustee and deacon of the Christian Church. He served six years as trustee of Prairie Township and was elected on the democratic ticket by a margin of nine votes in a locality normally republican by thirty.

HIRAM B. FERVERDA has been a resident of Kosciusko County a quarter of a century, grew up in Indiana from early boyhood, and had many hardships and difficulties to contend with in his earlier days. Industry and a determined ambition have brought him an enviable station in life, and among other interests he is now vice

president of the People's Bank at Leesburg and owns some of the fine farming land in the county.

Mr. Ferverda was born in Holland September 21, 1854, son of Banka and Gertrude D. (Young) Ferverda. His parents were also natives of Holland, married there, and the mother died in Holland leaving two sons, Henry and Hiram B. The father was a man of excellent education and very talented as a musician and in other pursuits. He taught music. After the death of his first wife he again married and had two daughters by the second wife. He brought his family to the United States and located in Union Township of Elkhart County, Indiana, where he spent the rest of his life. He was a member of the Lutheran Church in Holland.

Hiram B. Ferverda was thirteen years old when his father came to Elkhart County. He had begun his education in his native country and finished in the public schools of Elkhart County. The family were poor and he lived at home and gave most of the wages earned by farm work to the support of the family until he was nearly twenty-one years old.

Mr. Ferverda married Evaline Miller, who was born in Elkhart County, Indiana, March 29, 1857, daughter of John D. and Margaret (Lentz) Miller. Her parents were both natives of America and her maternal grandparents were born in Germany.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ferverda moved to a farm four miles west of New Paris, Indiana, and two years later, in 1893, came to Kosciusko County and established their home on a farm near Oswego. Mr. Ferverda bought 160 acres, and developed a splendid farm. He yet owns the farm, but since March, 1909, has lived in Leesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferverda have eleven children. Ira O. is a graduate of the common schools and was a student in the North Manchester College and beginning with the Spanish-American war saw three years of active service in the American army as quartermaster sergeant. He now lives at Oswego. Edith E. is a graduate of the common schools and is the wife of Thomas Dye, of Plain Township. Irvin G. is a farmer in Plain Township. John W. is a high school graduate and is engaged in the hardware business at Silver Lake, Indiana. Gertrude E., a graduate of high school, married Lewis Hartman. Chloe E. is a graduate of high school and the wife of Rollin V. Robinson. Ray E., a graduate of high school, is a farmer in Van Buren Township. Roscoe H. is a graduate of high school and is now serving as a train despatcher with the Southern Pacific Railroad. George likewise completed his education in high school and is in the army. Donald, who attended school twelve years and in all that time never missed a day nor was tardy, now in the United States service at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. Margaret is a high school student. The family are members of the Church of the Brethren and Mr. Ferverda is a republican. He was at one time captain of the local Horse Thief Detective Association, and is now inspector of the streets of Leesburg.

WILLIAM R. HALL is a prosperous farmer of Prairie Township, and owns land which, a part of it at least, has been in the possession of the Hall family through three generations.

He is a grandson of Samuel and Catherine (Anglin) Hall, who were natives of Virginia and of English and Irish ancestry. They were married in 1822 and in the fall of 1834 Samuel Hall left Virginia and settled with his family in Plain Township of Kosciusko County. There he experienced many of the trials and hardships of the real pioneer, and had Indians as his neighbors. As soon as this was legally possible in 1835 he entered land, including 320 acres, which under his management and by the joint labors of himself and sons came into a high state of cultivation. He filled many public offices, being justice of the peace and was also an associate judge and for one term state senator. He died in 1857, at the age of fifty-five, and his widow passed away in 1882, at the advanced age of eighty-three. In their family of eight children the next to the youngest was Joel Hall, who was born October 18, 1839, in Prairie Township, and spent a long and useful life there as a farmer. Joel Hall married Mary Roberts, and they were the parents of the following children: Alma, wife of Amos Beyer; Eva, wife of Rev. Frank Beyers; Phoda, widow of Eugene Coleman; William R.; and Cyrus, who is president of the People's Bank of Leesburg.

William R. Hall was born on the old homestead in Prairie Township, November 13, 1878, and from early youth to the present time has identified his energies and activities with farming. He now owns two well arranged and valuable places, one of 200 acres and another of 160 acres, all in Prairie Township. He is successfully engaged in the breeding of Poland China hogs and other good livestock. He is also interested in a manufacturing company at Warsaw.

Mr. Hall married Mary Gilliam, daughter of William W. Gilliam. She was reared on the old Gilliam farm northeast of Warsaw in Wayne Township. They have one son, Robert, born June 25, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are members of the United Brethren Church, and in politics he is a democrat. Mr. Hall is now a resident of Warsaw, but looks after his farming interests.

DAVID JEFFRIES, of Franklin Township, has had an enviable and useful and altogether happy life. In his time he has been a very hard worker, and that is a characteristic of the entire family. He has produced fifty or more crops from his fields, and if the livestock he has raised were assembled it would it would be sufficient to feed a large army for several days at least. Mr. Jeffries has done his duty as he went along, has kept a good home, kept his obligations to his fellow men, has reared a family of noble sons and daughters, and at the age of seventy not only has his own children around him but grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Jeffries' farm is two and three-quarters miles south of Mentone. This is the old Jeffries homestead, comprising 313 acres, and it was there he was born July 25, 1848, son of Pierce and Mary (Shrack) Jeffries. His father was born in Pennsylvania, April 8,

1818, and his mother on May 9, 1818. Pierce Jeffries died January 7, 1893, and his wife January 18, 1892, both having lived nearly seventy-five years. They grew up in Ohio and after their marriage in that state came to Indiana and located in Kosciusko County. Pierce Jeffries paid four hundred dollars for 160 acres of land. He prospected over Kosciusko County on horseback, and brought his family to the country in a covered wagon. The last 2½ miles of his journey he had to cut a road through the trees and brush. All his land was covered with a heavy growth of timber and the clearing away of that obstacle to cultivation constituted several years of his early toil. A space even had to be cleared among the woods to erect his first log cabin. Pierce Jeffries was a brick layer by trade. Some time after coming to Kosciusko County he was given the opportunity of a job as a brick layer at Warsaw. That was the first piece of brick construction in the city and he was paid 62½ cents a day for his skill and labor. Warsaw was fourteen miles from his home, and as long as the work lasted he set out from home very early Monday morning, walked to Warsaw, stayed there during the week, and then walked home Saturday night in order to spend the Sunday with his family. Late in life he sold his old homestead to his son David, lived in Sevastopol until after the death of his wife, and his own last years were spent at Mentone. He had increased his original 160 acres until he had 280 acres. Pierce Jeffries was a Baptist, and the church of that denomination in his community had many evidences of his liberality and interests. He was also a republican voter. A man of education, he taught some of the early schools of Franklin Township. Of the six children of Pierce Jeffries, David is the only survivor. The others were: Margaret, born November 10, 1841; Martha A., born January 1, 1843; Amos, born May 2, 1844; Ruth, born March 13, 1855; and Andrew, born April 29, 1860. All of them grew up and married.

David Jeffries was reared on the old farm, attended the common schools, and on January 10, 1868, at the age of twenty, married Miss Catherine Engle. She was born in Ohio, May 31, 1849, and was brought to Kosciusko County when eight years old. Her parents located in Franklin Township, where she grew up.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries lived on the old homestead, and built a log house on an eighty acres of that farm. They finally bought the old place and are now living on the spot where Mr. Jeffries was born. Mr. Jeffries has done much in the breeding and raising of good livestock, and his farm is now the home of some big type Poland China hogs. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church of Sevastopol and in politics he votes as a republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries had nine children: Emma, wife of William Smith; Rosa, wife of Lemuel Woods; Sarah, wife of David Jenkins; Mary, who married Nathan Dawson; Oliver, who married Della Green; Isaac, who married Goldie McIntire. The other children are deceased. All of them were given good school advantages. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries have forty-five grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

JOHN C. RITCHISON represents the agricultural activities of Kosciusko County, and is doing an extensive business as a producer of crops and livestock on a fine farm of 200 acres in Tippecanoe Township, on rural route No. 1 out of Leesburg.

Mr. Ritchison has spent most of his life in this country. He was born in Greene County, Ohio, December 17, 1868, son of Milo A. and Mary (Weade) Ritchison. His mother was a native of Sparta Township of Noble County, Indiana, while his father was an Ohio man by birth. Milo Ritchison was a soldier in the Civil war, going out with an Ohio regiment and serving until peace came to the country. After the war he married in Noble County, Indiana, lived for several years near Wolf Lake, then went back to Greene County, Ohio, but soon bought a farm near Albion in Noble County, Indiana. In 1881 the Ritchison family came to Tippecanoe Township of Kosciusko County, and the father then bought the 200 acres of land where his son now resides. Milo Ritchison died here March 29, 1893. Both parents were members of the Christian Church.

John C. Ritchison, only son of his parents, was fifteen years old when he came to his present home. He was educated chiefly in the common schools of Noble County. From youth up he has become familiar by experience and training with the handling of the farm that he now owns and has made it the center of a most useful and profitable career. In 1900 he married Miss Emma Scarlett, who was born near Benton, Indiana, and was educated in the schools of New Paris, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Ritchison have one daughter, Erma B., a graduate of the common schools and now the wife of Howard Brockman of North Webster. Mrs. Ritchison is a member of the Evangelical Church at New Paris. In politics Mr. Ritchison is a republican, as was his father.

LEWIS E. SHROYER. To a profession and calling that is now exalted above all others Lewis E. Shroyer has given his best energies and study for over a quarter of a century. He was born on a farm, and while he made his independent start with modest capital he has built up and accumulated one of the valuable places of Plain Township. The Shroyer home is 6½ miles northeast of Warsaw.

Mr. Shroyer was born in Plain Township, October 27, 1867, a son of Daniel and Matilda (Huffman) Shroyer, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana. Daniel Shroyer came to Indiana with his parents, George and Sarah Shroyer, who first settled in Elkhart County. George Shroyer died in Kosciusko County in 1880. Daniel married in Kosciusko County, and lived here to rear his family. He and his wife were very active in the Methodist Episcopal Church, but he was also liberal in his support of all church causes. In politics he was a democrat. Daniel Shroyer and wife had eight children, four of whom are living: William, of Plain Township, Lewis E., Luella, wife of Frank S. Wilcox, on the old Shroyer homestead in Plain Township; and Charles, a graduate of the pharmacy department of Purdue University and now in the drug business at

Warsaw. The four deceased children were Sarah E., Hiram H., John and one that died in infancy.

Lewis E. Shroyer grew up on the old farm and after his schooling remained at home to the age of twenty-three. On January 8, 1890, he married Lillie Mackenson, daughter of Andrew Mackenson and granddaughter of John Mackenson, who was one of the honored pioneers of Kosciusko County.

After his marriage Mr. and Mrs. Shroyer lived on the old homestead for several years, but in 1894 established a home of his own by the purchase of forty acres. This has grown by subsequent additions until it now comprises a fine and well arranged farm of 120 acres, devoted to the staple crops of this region and to good grades of livestock.

Mr. and Mrs. Shroyer have one son and three grandchildren. The son, Carl L., was born October 8, 1891, and is now a telegraph operator with the Missouri Pacific Railway. Carl married Julia Robert, who died leaving three children, Robert, Lyman and Lillian.

Mrs. Shroyer is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Shroyer has long maintained active relations with the Masonic Order and has gone both the York and Scottish routes, with membership in Warsaw Lodge No. 73, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Royal Arch Chapter, the Council, Royal and Select Masters, the Knight Templar Commandery at Warsaw, and the Fort Wayne Consistory of the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Eagles at Warsaw. Mr. Shroyer is a republican and is now serving as a member of the Township Advisory Board.

FREDERICK D. IRVINE is a hardware merchant and well known citizen of Syracuse and has spent most of his life in Kosciusko County, where his family is an old and prominent one.

He was born in Prairie Township, September 1, 1879, a son of Joseph A. and Rachel (McCleary) Irvine, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Prairie Township. The grandfather, James Irvine, came from Pennsylvania to Kosciusko County many years ago and located on a tract of land in Prairie Township. On that farm Joseph A. Irvine grew to maturity, had a district school education and was also trained for teaching in the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio. Many of the older residents remember gratefully his services as a teacher in different schools of the county. After his marriage he farmed a short time, also teaching in the winter, and finally locating at Leesburg engaged in the drug and general merchandise business. With Frank Bortz and Joseph Hall he organized the People's Bank of Leesburg, and was its first cashier. He continued active in this bank until he retired. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, being a past grand of the latter order. In politics he votes as a democrat. There are three sons in the family, Frederick D. being the youngest. Garrett W., the oldest, was at one time associated with his father in business in Leesburg, later served as deputy

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auditor of Kosciusko County, for a time was with Strouse Brothers and is now at Detroit, Michigan, connected with the Union Trust Company. Howard L., the other son, is in business at Elkhart with the Sinclair Oil Company.

Frederick D. Irvine was five years old when the family moved to Leesburg, and he grew up there, graduating from high school and for three years was a student in the Indiana Medical College. He entered the drug business at Leesburg, and for eleven years was also connected with the Standard Oil Company. January 1, 1916, he moved to Syracuse and has since succeeded in building up a large business as a hardware merchant.

In 1904 Mr. Irvine married Ilah M. Brown, a native of Leesburg and a daughter of A. H. Brown. She and Mr. Irvine were schoolmates at Leesburg. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mr. Irvine is affiliated with the Masonic Order and in politics is a republican.

FRANCIS M. JAQUES. A well rounded and complete life has been that of Francis M. Jaques of Silver Lake. He was one of the youngest volunteer soldiers of the Union army during the Civil war. That constituted his first great experience in what has been otherwise an uneventful career. More than half a century has passed since he returned a youthful veteran from the army. In that time he has been a farmer, merchant, homesteader in Kansas for a time, and for thirty years was identified with the business affairs of Silver Lake, retiring about a dozen years ago to the management of his extensive farming interests in that locality.

Though most of his life has been spent in this county, where his people were early settlers, Mr. Jaques was born in Elkhart County, four miles north of Goshen, March 8, 1846, a son of John Morris and Mary (Cox) Jaques. His grandfather, John Moses Jaques, was a native of France and on coming to the United States lived in New York City and state for a time, and later moved to Ohio. John Morris Jaques was born in Ohio and married there Mary Cox, a native of Virginia. Soon afterwards he located in Elkhart County and during the '40s moved to Kosciusko County, near North Webster. John M. Jaques was a California forty-niner and spent two years on the gold coast. Otherwise he lived on his farm in Indiana, and spent a useful and uneventful life. For fourteen months he was a soldier in the Civil war. He began voting as a whig and later was a stanch republican. He and his wife were zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had eight children, two of whom died young. Those to grow up were Mary J., Oliver P., Ziprah E., Susan E. and Francis M. The only other one now living is Susan, widow of Reuben James and a resident of Kansas.

Francis M. Jaques was three years old when his parents moved to Tippecanoe Township of Kosciusko County. He worked at home and improved his mind in the local schools until he was a little past his sixteenth birthday. Then, on June 9, 1862, he enlisted in Company F of the Twelfth Indiana Infantry. His service was for three

years and eight days. He was practically in every skirmish in which his regiment engaged, and though twice slightly wounded was never absent from the line of duty more than two or three days on that account. He began his service with his regiment in Kentucky, fighting at the battle of Richmond, was at Vicksburg, Jackson, and later in those campaigns which are made vivid in American history by the battles of Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Dallas, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Nickajack Creek, and the siege of Atlanta, where he was on the battle line July 20, 21, 22 and 28, 1864. He was also at Jonesboro, was with the army of Sherman on the march to Savannah, fought at Griswoldville and Columbia in the march up through the Carolinas, and participated in those final battles at Bentonville and Raleigh. His regiment was almost under constant fire during the 100 days' advance upon Atlanta. In 1863 Mr. Jaques was promoted to corporal and held that rank at the time of his discharge. He was with Sherman's army at the Grand Review in Washington and his company and Company A of the Twelfth Indiana formed the first that led the review.

The three years after the war Mr. Jaques spent at Warsaw. He was engaged in the teaming business. He had been at home five months, returning from the army in June, when on November 27, 1865, he married Miss Phebe E. McClure. She was a daughter of Elias and Mary A. McClure. Elias McClure was an extensive land owner, and to Mrs. Phebe Jaques a large portion of the farm now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jaques came by inheritance. In 1871 Mr. Jaques moved out to Kansas and entered a quarter section of land, but remained there only two years. Coming back to Kosciusko County in 1873 he engaged in grain dealing at Silver Lake, in partnership with his brother-in-law A. T. S. Kist of Warsaw. In 1874 he bought the grocery stock of James O'Connell, but sold it the next year, and in 1876 entered the general merchandise business at Silver Lake. In 1882 he moved his stock of goods to Packerton, but was there only eighteen months. In 1884 he set up as a merchant at Burket, but sold that stock after six months. He was also a lumber dealer, a mill operator, a hardware merchant, and finally resumed general merchandising at Silver Lake. Reviewing his business record in brief Mr. Jaques was an independent merchant for twenty-eight years and sold goods as a clerk six years, and with the exception of two years at Packerton and Burket his entire business life has been spent in Silver Lake. He finally retired from commercial pursuits in 1906, and has since found abundant opportunity for the exercise of all his energies in the management of a fine farm of 436 acres in Seward and Lake townships. He is also a stockholder in the Commercial State Bank of Silver Lake.

Mr. Jaques is deservedly proud of his four children. The oldest, Dr. Schuyler C., is now a prominent physician and surgeon in New York City. Flora Mary is the wife of J. C. Cavender, a prominent banker of Hobart, Indiana. E. McClure is an attorney practicing law at New York City. Anna is the wife of Leroy W. Caldwell, of Clay Township. All the children were born in Kosciusko County.

Mr. Jaques and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he is one of the church trustees. He is affiliated with and is past chancellor of Lake View Lodge No. 164, Knights of Pythias, and has sat in the Grand Lodge. Politically he has been a stanch and undeviating republican from the time of the Civil war. In many ways he has been active in the party and during the '70s he served as deputy sheriff under his brother, Oliver P. Jaques.

James A. Fawley. By his successful management James A. Fawley is regarded as one of the ablest farmers of Kosciusko County. He started with nothing, and from the position of a renter has improved his condition until he is now proprietor of one of the fine rural homesteads in the vicinity of Warsaw.

His birth occurred in Kosciusko County April 18, 1860. His parents were Joseph and Maria (Guysinger) Fawley, both natives of Ohio, whence they came when young to Indiana and were married in this state and afterwards settled on a farm in Kosciusko County. The grandfather of Mr. Fawley was Jacob Fawley, a native of Pennsylvania, whence he moved to Ohio, later to Indiana, and was one of the early settlers in Kosciusko County, where he owned a place of eighty acres. Joseph Fawley, the father, was also one of the hard working and honored citizens of this section, and at his death left an estate of ninety-two and a half acres of land. He and his wife were the parents of fourteen children, and the eight still living are: Delilah Rowe and Salome E. Harmon of Michawaka; Ella Burwell of Atwood, Charles Fawley of Michigan; James A., Perry, Edward and William Fawley, all farmers of this county. Mary J. Stoner of Claypool died in July, 1918, the others in childhood. The parents were active members of the Baptist Church and in politics the father was a democrat. He gave patriotic service to his country during the period of the Civil war, being for three months a member of the Thirty-third Indiana Infantry.

James A. Fawley grew up in the country, received his education in the common schools and from first to last his experiences have been those of a progressive farmer. For seventeen years he rented land, worked hard and denied himself many luxuries in order to get a start. He finally was in a position to buy one hundred and twenty acres, and that is the nucleus of his present fine homestead. He added afterwards twenty-six and a half acres and still later a piece of forty acres.

In 1885 Mr. Fawley married Gertrude D. Huffer, who was also born in Kosciusko County, a daughter of Rudolph Huffer, one of the early settlers. To this marriage were born two children: Albion R. and Chloe Pearl. On April 28, 1895, the wife of Mr. Fawley died, leaving him the care of these two small children. The following seven years were full of many discouragements and misfortunes. He himself suffered a very severe case of typhoid fever, but through this all he was very fortunate in securing the services of a good housekeeper, Mrs. Rebecca Hood, the bereft wife of John Hood, formerly of Pennsylvania. She was as good a mother to the children as a housekeeper to the home.

In 1902 Mr. Fawley married Elizabeth Beber, daughter of Peter Beber of Kosciusko County. The seventeen years previous to her marriage she had made her home with Owen S. Gaskill, a highly respected and successful dealer in lumber and farming of Burkett.

Mr. Fawley was very anxious that his children obtain at least a practicable education and always took much interest in their studies. He was partially appeased in this when in 1904 both graduated from the common schools and again in 1907 when both started teaching school.

Albion R. taught two terms, then entered and graduated from a business college at Fort Wayne before his marriage to Myrtle L. Likens, of Fort Wayne in 1911. He is at present (1918) general manager of a store for the Woolworth Company at Richmond, Indiana.

Chloe Pearl taught five terms of school before her marriage to Heaven Cook in 1912. They live on their own farm of one hundred and fifty-seven acres in Kosciusko County.

Mr. Fawley is always very active in church work, serving as Sunday School superintendent at Palestine and Cook's Chapel for more than fifteen years almost continuously, and was township president of the Sunday School for several years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Woodmen of America, is a member of the Detective Association, and in politics is a prohibitionist. As a farmer he has done much constructive work on his place in the way of improvements and in working out a satisfactory scheme for intensive cultivation. He raises large crops of grain, and does mixed farming, keeping a number of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs.

Amber D. Sands is owner of one of the good farms of Seward Township, a half mile north of Yellow Creek Lake. But he is most widely known throughout this section of the county as a practical thresherman, and has been in that business for many years. He is president of the County Threshers' Association, and also a member of the Indiana Brotherhood of Threshers.

Mr. Sands was born in Seward Township, two miles west and half a mile south of Silver Lake, May 27, 1869, son of Isaac N. and Amanda M. (Troutman) Sands. His great-grandfather Sands was a native of Ireland. Isaac N. Sands was born twelve miles south of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. His wife was born three miles from Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio. Samuel Sands, the grandfather, moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and Isaac grew up and married there. He was a millwright by trade, and his occupation brought him to Indiana, where he engaged in the milling and farming business. He first settled near Silver Lake, sold his property there, and bought the farm now owned by his son Amber D. His wife was an active member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he was a democrat. There were four children, three of whom are still living: Amber D.; A. V. Sands, a farmer in Northeastern Michigan; and Winnie, wife of S. N. Rickel, of Northeastern Michigan.

A. D. Sands grew up in Kosciusko County and was educated in the

common schools. He married Miss Mary C. Miller. They started housekeeping a mile south of Silver Lake, lived there one year, then moved to the end of Mud Lake in Seward Township, and had their home in that locality until 1906. In that year they moved to their present place, their home farm constituting seventy acres, while they own ninety acres near Mud Lake and eighty acres two miles east of the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sands have six living children: Otto A., Ethel F., Seta F., John I., Minnie A., and Lulu A., all of whom have received good educational advantages in the district and high schools.

Mr. Sands is a past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a member of the Grand Lodge, is a past sachem of the Improved Order of Red Men, and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a democrat in politics and a stockholder in the Commercial State Bank of Silver Lake, and a stockholder and vice president of the Burket Equity Union or Farmers Elevator Company of Burket, Indiana.

BENJAMIN KANTNER. A fine farm, a good home and an excellent family belong to Benjamin Kantner, one of the prominent residents of Plain Township, on rural route No. 1 out of Leesburg.

Mr. Kantner came to Kosciusko County about fifteen years ago. He was born in Auglaize County, Ohio, March 3, 1852, son of Martin and Catherine (Bechdoldt) Kantner. His parents were both natives of Pennsylvania. The Kantner family came originally from Holland. Grandfather John Kantner was one of the pioneers of Auglaize County, where he located in the wilderness in 1832. Martin Kantner spent his life in that county as a farmer and was a member of the Lutheran Church and a republican voter. He was the father of fifteen children, all of whom grew to maturity except one daughter. Three are still living, the two daughters being Elizabeth, widow of Joseph Gagley of Auglaize County, and Hannah, wife of John Burden of Auglaize County.

Benjamin Kantner grew to manhood on the old farm in Ohio, and as a schoolboy attended school kept in a log cabin. He was at home until twenty-one years of age. April 13, 1873, he married Margaret R. Shank, a native of Franklin County, Ohio.

After his marriage Mr. Kantner remained in Auglaize County and owned and cultivated a tract of eighty acres originally a part of the old homestead. In March, 1903, he came to Kosciusko County and in 1912 located on his present fine farm of 191 acres. He has made more than a local reputation as a hog breeder, and has a number of the big type Poland Chinas, having at the head of his herd one of the best boars in the country, Little Dawson. Mr. Kantner is affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees.

Twelve children were born to him and his wife, ten of whom are still living. His son Leroy L., who completed his education in the Warsaw High School, is now serving as quartermaster in the United States Army in France. The son Martin is married and lives in Ohio. Leslie, a graduate of the high school, is married and is in busi-

ness in Chicago. Catherine is the wife of John A. Bitler, of Michigan. G. H. is married and lives at Elkhart, Indiana. Agnes A. is still at home. George W. is married and lives in Auglaize County, Ohio. Edwin is a graduate of the Winona High School and is now serving in the Sixteenth Railway Engineers Corps in France. Elizabeth, a graduate of the Warsaw High School, married John Ripley and lived in Elkhart. Lillian, a graduate of the Warsaw High School and valedictorian of her class, has spent two years at the University of Chicago and is now instructor in the high school at Leesburg. Mr. Kantner is a republican in politics.

ALBERT M. LENTZ is a well known figure in the industrial affairs in and around Milford, where for a number of years he has conducted an important local enterprise for the manufacture of hardwood lumber. He is also a dealer in coal and other supplies at Milford.

Mr. Lentz was born on a farm in Elkhart County March 23, 1858. The farm where he was born is where the Gilbert school house is now located. His parents were Cyrus and Mary (Whitehead) Lentz. His father was born in Ohio and his mother in Elkhart County. Cyrus Lentz came to Indiana at the age eighteen, and later acquired a farm in Elkhart County and also bought 200 acres in Van Buren Township of Kosciusko County. He was a very industrious and capable farmer and business man and spent the rest of his life in this section of the state. He was a member of the German Baptist Church and a democrat. He and his wife had six children, and those still living are: Moses F., Dessie, wife of John Dubbs, Jennie, wife of Charles Hammond, and Albert M.

Albert M. Lentz received his education in the district schools of Elkhart County. When he was sixteen his parents moved to Kosciusko County and he lived on the home farm to the age of twenty-one. In 1877 he married Mary Robinson, a native of Medina County, Ohio. After his marriage Mr. Lentz rented a farm, and in 1883 first engaged in the sawmill business. Since 1909 he has been proprietor of a factory at Milford for the manufacture of hardwood lumber.

He and his wife had eleven children. Those still living are: Elizabeth, Charlotte, Emma J., Cleo, Edward, Jennette, Richard, Lou and Helena. Elizabeth is a graduate of high school and is now in college The family are members of the Brethren Church at Milford. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and in politics is a democrat.

BERT E. DAUSMAN has been a factor in the business affairs of Milford Junction for a number of years. He recently retired from his local business connection and owns a fine farm in Turkey Creek Township. However, he continues to reside with his family at Milford Junction, and owns and occupies there the handsomest residence in the village. He built this modern home in 1916. It is constructed of excellent material, the outer walls being laid with the noted Hytex brick.

Mr. Dausman was born in Cass County, Michigan, on April 19,

1874, a son of Henry and Sarah (Brumbaugh) Dausman. His father was a native of Canada and his mother of Elkhart County. The family lived for a number of years in Cass County, Michigan, but in 1876 moved to Jackson Township of Elkhart County, where they had their home until 1910, and the father then moved to Milford Junction. He died June 10, 1916. He was a man of progressive spirit, a democratic voter, and had a good farm of 120 acres.

Bert E. Dausman is the only survivor of the five children born to his mother, his father's first wife. He grew up on a farm in Elkhart County, had a district school education and lived with his father until he was twenty-one. His first real business experience was as a brakeman with the Baltimore and Ohio Railway. He had a run between Garrett, Indiana, and Chicago Junction, Ohio. After three years on the road he resigned and went into business at Garrett for two years. Selling out there, he removed to Milford Junction in 1905 and bought a restaurant. He continued this enterprise until April 1, 1918, when he sold out. He has been local agent for the Interurban Railway at Milford Junction since it was constructed. In 1918 Mr. Dausman sold or traded for a farm of 120 acres in Turkey Creek Township, and is now preparing to develop and cultivate that on an intensive scale.

December 11, 1901, he married Miss Cecil Haney, who was born in Milford Junction in 1884 and was educated in the district schools. They are the parents of four children: Dorothy, born August 30, 1902; Raymond, born February 26, 1904; Helen, born August 30, 1905; and Trella, born May 9, 1909. Dorothy is a graduate of the common schools and has had two years in the high school. She has an interesting school record, having never missed a single day and never having been tardy. The son Raymond graduated from the common schools in 1918. Mr. Dausman is a democrat and has been quite active in local politics.

Charles M. Regenos. There is a ready public recognition and appreciation of the man who struggles against heavy odds to make himself useful, win a moderate prosperity, and achieves his proper place in the community. When Charles M. Regenos was five years old he was partially crippled, and has overcome the handicap of lameness and in spite of that fact has done all the work of a practical farmer, and is one of the successful men of that industry in Seward Township. His farm is four miles southwest of Claypool.

At the same time he has been prominent in local affairs and has served four years as justice of the peace, is now filling his fourth year as township assessor, and has also been nominated and elected by a large majority by the democratic party as township trustee.

Mr. Regenos was born in Seward Township, son of Jacob and Julia A. (Brown) Regenos, both now deceased. His parents were born in Stark County, Ohio, grew up and married there, and in 1868 settled in Kosciusko County. Here they bought a farm of eighty acres in section 23 of Seward Township, and on that farm they made their home the rest of their lives. They were very active members of the Fairview

United Brethren Church, and in politics the father was also a democrat. They have six children: Mary, wife of James Miller; Laura, wife of William Schue, of Portland, Oregon; Alice, wife of John Kintz; Ira, who lives at Niles, Michigan; Charles M.; and Della, deceased.

Charles M. Regenos grew up on the home farm, and in winter attended district school and in summer worked on the farm. At the age of twenty he started out for himself and in the fall of 1895 he married Rozella Clink, who has been his most capable wife and companion in home making. She was born in the same community and when they married their joint possessions aggregated about $100 worth of household goods. They rented a farm and continued as renters for ten years before they were able to make their first purchase of land. This consisted of forty acres, and after keeping it and improving it they sold and bought the eighty acres where they now live. All their prosperity represents their joint struggles, self denial and hard work of many years. Mr. Regenos is a practical farmer and stock raiser, and is one of the busiest men in the community. He and his wife are active members of the United Brethren Church and he has been prominent both in church and Sunday school work, serving as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. Regenos have two children, Golan V., a graduate of the high school who has spent two years in college; and Graden W., a graduate of high school. Mr. Regenos is also rearing a daughter of his sister, Ethel Mortomore.

George Hartter. In the last fifteen or twenty years many live and enterprising men seeking good farm lands and opportunities for investment have come to Kosciusko County from other states and counties and have here realized their expectations in finding good lands and a good farming community, and are now among Kosciusko County's most prominent citizens. One of these is Mr. George Hartter, who has lived in Kosciusko County for the past fourteen years and is not only a large farm owner in Van Buren Township but is known throughout the northern part of the county as an unusually capable and progressive citizen.

Mr. Hartter, whose farm is in section 17, just west of the corporation limits of Milford, was born in Alsace Lorraine June 19, 1850, son of Mark and Catherine Hartter. He attended the common schools of his native country until he was fourteen years of age, and after that served an apprenticeship to learn the carpenter's trade. He was employed in that line until 1873 when he came to the United States to seek better opportunities in this country. Later his father followed him to America. Mr. Hartter did his first work as a carpenter at Morton, Illinois, but five years later invested his modest capital in an Illinois farm, and for a number of years was a prosperous agriculturist in that state. He had only $50 when he arrived in America, but under his thrifty management his capital grew and expanded until he had 160 acres of Illinois farm land. In 1904 he sold out his property in Illinois and coming to Kosciusko County

bought 320 acres where he now lives. He has always been an extensive stock raiser and has made most of his money in cattle and hogs. He is a stockholder in the Farmers State Bank at Milford.

Mr. Hartter married Miss Lena Jacob. She was also born in Alsace Lorraine. They are the parents of the following children: George, Jacob, John, Samuel, William, Catherine and Lena, all of whom have grown to manhood and womanhood and are all married.

Mr. Hartter is an influential republican and his fellow citizens have frequently honored him with public responsibilities. For the past four years he has served as assessor of Van Buren Township and in 1918 was honored with the nomination for commissioner to represent the northern district of the county.

DANIEL C. DARR is a man well known in the good citizenship of Van Buren Township, has acquired and improved a good farm, and he and his wife owe their present comfortable circumstances to their joint efforts, good management and well directed enterprise.

Mr. Darr, whose home is half way between Milford and Syracuse, was born in Van Buren Township of this county February 17, 1867, a son of Thomas and Dorothy (Cory) Darr. His father was born in Elkhart County of this state November 24, 1844, and his mother in the same county in 1847. Dorothy Darr died leaving two children, John and Daniel. John is now living at Three Rivers, Michigan. Thomas Darr married for his second wife Elizabeth Phebus, and she became the mother of twelve children.

Daniel C. Darr was only six weeks old when his mother died, and after that he lived in the home of his grandmother Cory until he was six years old. His father then having taken a second wife he returned home and lived there until manhood. His education was acquired in the district schools. After starting for himself he found employment as a farm hand, and for five years worked at wages of $200 a year. This furnished him a good experience and thorough training for his subsequent career, and at the same time he saved some money with a view to the future. On November 21, 1895, Mr. Darr married Flora E. Chilcote, of New Paris, Indiana. She was born August 25, 1871, daughter of James I. and Hattie (Eby) Chilcote. Her father was born near Wilshire, Ohio, August 27, 1837, and her mother was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1834, and died May 21, 1915. Her father was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war.

Mr. and Mrs. Darr after their marriage located on forty acres of land, and later bought another forty acres. This farm they subsequently sold and came to the place of 115 acres where they now live. They have done much to improve and increase the value of their land and it is devoted to general farming and stock raising. Mr. and Mrs. Darr have one son, Earl J., born August 27, 1900. He is a graduate of the common schools and from the Milford High School with the class of 1917, and is now assuming most of the responsibilities connected with the home farm. The family are members of the Methodist

Episcopal Church at Syracuse, and Mr. Darr has been active both in church and Sunday school. In politics he is a republican.

VICTOR FULLER represents one of the oldest families of Kosciusko County, and the vigor with which he has prosecuted his enterprise as a farmer and all his business and private relations was the source of the confidence felt in him by his fellow citizens who recently elected him a trustee of Van Buren Township. He has the distinction of being the first republican trustee of the township in a period of twenty-eight years.

Mr. Fuller, whose fine home is located two miles northeast of Milford, was born on that place March 13, 1874, a son of Preston and Mary C. (Brower) Fuller. Preston Fuller was born in Pennsylvania, a son of Benajah Fuller, a native of the same state, and grandson of William Fuller, who was born in Massachusetts of English ancestry. Benajah Fuller came from Pennsylvania to Kosciusko County and entered a number of extensive tracts of land, being one of the pioneer land holders in this part of the state. Preston Fuller came to the county with his parents, grew up and after his marriage settled on the old Fuller farm. During the Civil war he served three years as a private in the Seventy-Fourth Indian Volunteer Infantry, and his record as a citizen was in keeping with the faithfulness and ardor of his patriotism. He was very active in the Christian Church and a republican in politics. His wife, Mary C. Brower, was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Isaac Brower, who brought his family west, first to Indiana, thence to Illinois, and back to Turkey Creek Township four miles south of Syracuse in Kosciusko County, where she lived until her marriage. Preston Fuller and wife had seven children, five of whom are still living: Frank, of Fresno, California; Stella, wife of Richard Fuller of Glendale, Arizona; Victor; Ernest and Robert, both living in California, the latter at Riverside.

Victor Fuller had a district school education. He married Almeda Leatherman, daughter of Conrad Leatherman. She was born in Jefferson Township of this county, and was educated in the common schools. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Fuller lived for a few years in the West, part of the time in Oklahoma, but finally returned to Kosciusko County and located in Van Buren Township, where their affairs have been greatly prospered as farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have four children: Floyd P., a graduate of the common schools, married Savilla Cox; Royce, a graduate of the common schools and now in the United States Navy; Hilda, wife of Leroy Troster, who owns a good farm of ninety-seven acres near Milford Junction in Van Buren Township; and Donald C., a graduate of the Milford High School. The family are members of the Christian Church and Mr. Fuller is one of the church elders.

THOMAS J. COY is one of the prosperous farm owners and well known citizens of Kosciusko County, and for his success the credit is due almost entirely to his individual efforts and his steadfast honesty and integrity. Mr. Coy has spent nearly all his life in Kosciusko

County and has one of the best equipped farm homes in Turkey Creek Township north of Syracuse.

Mr. Coy was born in Van Buren Township of Kosciusko County May 2, 1850, and represent a family that has long been identified with this section of the state. His parents were Henry and May A. (Grissamer) Coy, both natives of Ohio. They were married in Kosciusko County and soon afterward settled in Elkhart County and from there went to Van Buren Township, where they spent their worthy lives as farmers and as faithful members of the Dunkard Church. They had five sons and four daughters, three of the sons and the four daughters still living.

Thomas J. Coy grew up on the old home farm, and as a boy attended the common schools. He married for his first wife Ellen Berry. She was the mother of four children: Charles E., a machinist now in Illinois; Myrtle, deceased; Laura, wife of Charles Lutz of Elkhart County; and Harry E., a farmer in Elkhart County. For his present wife Mr. Coy married Mrs. Iva Jones Middleton. Mrs. Coy was born near Dunlap, Elkhart County, April 15, 1864, daughter of David H. and Susan (Stutsman) Jones. Her father was a native of Ohio and her mother of Elkhart County. Mrs. Coy was educated in the district schools and for her first husband married Ozias Middleton. By that union she has one son, Floyd, who married Bulah Jones, of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy are active members of the Dunkard Church. Politically he is a republican. Mr. Coy has been a farmer in this vicinity for forty years or more and his present estate consists of 13 acres in Kosciusko County and 117 acres adjoining in Elkhart County. In 1916 he built his modern country home, furnace heated and with all the facilities such as are usually found in best city residences.

Milo Maloy. Some of the best farm homes of this county are located in Van Buren Township. One of them is owned and occupied by Milo Maloy, located two and a half miles northeast of Milford and two and a half miles west of Syracuse. The Maloy family have been in that locality for sixty years and the name is associated with good farming, good citizenship and active relations with all progressive community affairs.

The family was founded here by John and Polly (Smith) Maloy, who in 1841 moved from Wayne County, Ohio, to Whitley County, Indiana, and in 1851 removed to Kosciusko County and settled in the woods of Van Buren Township. John Maloy lived there until the latter part of his life, and then removed to Syracuse, where he died. His wife died on the old farm. They had twelve children, four of whom, John, Daniel, David and Seth, reached mature years. The son Andrew gave his life as a soldier in the Civil war. Four of the daughters were Mary, Lucy, Sarah and Catherine.

Seth Maloy, a son of John and Polly Maloy, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, July 9, 1838, and was only three years of age when brought to Indiana and was thirteen when the family located in Van

Buren Township. He grew up on a farm, and in 1880 located a place of fifty acres in Van Buren Township, where he spent the rest of his life. December 10, 1865, he married Mahala J. Coy, daughter of Henry and Mary A. Coy, of Kosciusko County. Both were active members of the Church of God at Syracuse, and Seth Maloy was trustee of the church property. He was a republican in politics. He and his wife had four children, Simeon, who died at the age of five years; Milo; Frank, a farmer in Van Buren Township; and Ada, wife of Charles Visley.

Mr. Milo Maloy was born on his father's place in Van Buren Township June 19, 1874. He had a district school education and most of his life's activities have been identified with farming. On September 4, 1898, at the age of twenty-four, he married Lulu Blough. She was born in Plain Township of Kosciusko County, daughter of David and Jane Blough. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Maloy located on a farm, subsequently moved to another place, and also lived for a time in Benton Harbor, Michigan, and South Bend, Indiana, before returning to Kosciusko County and establishing themselves in their present comfortable circumstances.

Mr. Maloy is affiliated with Syracuse Lodge No. 458, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and with the Knights of the Maccabees. He is one of the influential republicans of his township and is now nominee for the office of township trustee.

Delbert W. Norris. The Norris family is one of the oldest in Kosciusko County, and while Delbert W. Norris was born and reared here he spent so many years in Canada that he became a naturalized citizen and a British subject and has only recently returned to Kosciusko County and is now renting the old Norris farm five miles southeast of Syracuse.

He was born in Turkey Creek Township, January 13, 1870, a son of John L. and Emma (Stainer) Norris. His father was born in Van Buren Township of this county August 11, 1840, a son of William and Elizabeth (Knox) Norris. William Norris was a son of Joseph Norris, and a grandson of Thomas Norris. Thomas Norris, a native of Liverpool, England, came to the United States in colonial times and located at Hagerstown, Maryland, where he lived during the period of the American Revolution. Joseph Norris, his son, was one of the men who responded to the call of the West and was one of the first to secure Government land in Van Buren Township of Kosciusko County. His sons entered fourteen eighty acre tracts of land in that locality, and thus the name of Norris appears on more abstracts of title than almost any other name in the county.

William Norris, one of the sons who entered land in Kosciusko County, lived here for some years and in 1849 joined the exodus to the California gold fields. He prospered in the far West, later returned to Indiana, but spent his last years in Missouri. His children consist of John L., Joseph, Melvina, Lena, Rebecca and Dora.

John L. and Emma (Stainer) Norris had three children, one of

whom died in infancy. The daughter Bertha is the wife of Lawrence Snodgrass, and they live in the Province of Saskatchewan, Canada.

Delbert W. Norris grew up on the old farm and lived there until the age of eighteen, after which he spent six years in Elkhart County. He then returned to Kosciusko County, and was a resident here until the age of thirty-three. On January 1, 1898, he married Edna Cripe, a native of Turkey Creek Township. In the spring of 1903 Mr. and Mrs. Norris moved to Canada and homesteaded 160 acres in the western part of the Dominion. They had their home there for fourteen years and only returned to Kosciusko County on April 8, 1917. They now occupy the old Norris homestead comprising eighty acres.

WILLIAM W. REED. Any city is fortunate that can claim among its assets such loyalty and progressive action as William W. Reed has given to Warsaw. Those best acquainted with his work and influence say that he has had as much to do with the prosperity of the city during the past decade as any other one individual. In his business he may be said to occupy a key position of influence, and during the twenty-five years he has lived in Warsaw he has been continuously engaged in the hotel business and has made the house over which he presides a hotel of accommodations consistent and in keeping with the spirit of uplift and progress in the city. While he is widely known as one of the successful hotel managers of Indiana, his surplus energy has been devoted to many other enterprises, particularly to the solid welfare and advancement of Warsaw.

Born at Mansfield, Ohio, July 8, 1861, he is one of the children born to the marriage of William Wallace and Mary Ann (Bale) Reed. Two years after his birth his mother died, and by a subsequent marriage to Jennie Butler his father had two other children. William Wallace Reed, Sr., was also in his time a popular landlord. He conducted a hotel at Mansfield, Ohio, and moving from there to Fort Wayne, Indiana, operated the old Mayer House until his death in 1880.

William W. Reed was nineteen years of age when his father died. In the meantime he had attended the grammar and high schools of his native city, and under the direction of his father had gained an exact knowledge and practice of the fundamental principles of conducting a first class hotel. After the death of his father he went to live with his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Permelia Reed, at Mansfield. Then in October, 1881, with his stepmother, he came to Warsaw and for two years operated the old Kirtley House, which stood on the site now occupied by the interurban railway station. Then for the following two years he conducted the Robinson House in Fort Wayne and for succeeding years was clerk in the Burnett House at Toledo, and for two years was chief clerk in the Wayne Hotel at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Reed became a permanent resident of Warsaw in 1890, in which year he leased the property and bought the furniture of the Hayes Hotel. He has been in command of this well known hostelry ever since. He has made it not only a place of public entertainment but a business enterprise that has properly rewarded his constant planning and outlay of energy. A number of years ago he bought

the property outright, remodeled the hotel building, so as to give it accommodations and facilities up to the highest standard of a modern hotel, put on an annex, and also acquired a private residence property adjoining.

That civic and public spirited work for which Mr. Reed will be longest remembered in Warsaw came from his realization, early in his stay here, that Warsaw was a town practically stagnant and making no effort whatever to realize the magnificent opportunities which properly belong to its situation. It was largely through his initiative that the present Chamber of Commerce was organized, and through that very capable and enthusiastic body many factories were induced to locate in Warsaw and the city soon took on an unwonted air of vitality and progress. The industrial development was followed by municipal improvements, and Warsaw can now make just claims to association with the best towns of the state. Mr. Reed has been a director of the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce since its creation.

He has also acquired some extensive business interests. He is a stockholder in the Warsaw Overall Company, a director in the Warsaw Investment Company, and the Warsaw Building, Loan & Investment Association, and is president of the Cox-Kline Company, a local industry for the manufacture of leather waterproof dressing. In politics he is a republican, and has fraternal associations with the Masons and the Elks. On April 3, 1883, Mr. Reed married Miss Lillian C. Caldwell, of Warsaw. Their only daughter, Bettie, is the wife of Dr. C. C. DuBois.

Leander Garber, member of an old, solid and respected family of Kosciusko County, has made his years of usefulness and service through his work as a farmer. He has one of the good farms of Tippecanoe Township, located a mile and a half southeast of North Webster on rural route No. 1 out of Leesburg.

Mr. Garber was born in Tippecanoe Township September 2, 1875, and is a son of Samuel and Polly (White) Garber. His father was one of the early settlers and lived on his farm a mile and a half southeast of North Webster until his death. The mother was a member of the Christian Church. In the family were eleven children: Daniel M., of Tippecanoe Township; Mary, wife of Milo Strombeck, of North Webster; Jefferson, of North Webster; Albert, president of the Farmers Bank of North Webster; Clementine, wife of Meade Humble, of Washington Township; Comodore, of Washington Township; Emma, wife of Silas Cook; Jacob, of Huntington, Indiana; Barbara, wife of Charles Gandy, of the vicinity of Noblesville; Leander; and John, of Tippecanoe Township.

Leander Garber grew up on the old farm, and had a common school education. At the age of thirteen he went to live with his sister, Mrs. Strombeck, and was in her home until he reached his majority.

In 1898 Mr. Garber married Rosa Twarts. Mrs. Garber was born in Noble County, Indiana. Three children have been born to their marriage, two of whom are living: Eva Helen and Louis. Their son Ray died at the age of seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Garber are active

members of the Christian Church and in politics he is a republican. His well cultivated and improved farm comprises eighty acres and to it he is giving the best of his energies and ability as one of the producers of this county.

HENRY KOLBERG. It is a long and hard climb to prosperity in farming by the avenue of renting land from others, and it requires a man of great industry, persistence and determined purpose to conquer in that direction. One of the men in Kosciusko County who are now most prosperously situated and won success primarily as a renter is Henry Kolberg, whose present home farm is in section 21 of Turkey Creek Township, four miles southeast of Syracuse.

Mr. Kolberg was born in Germany November 3, 1854. He attended the common schools of his native country to the age of fourteen, and at the age of twenty came to the United States. He was a poor boy, had no knowledge of English language or American customs, and had to struggle along as best he could for several years. In Kosciusko County he went to work on a farm and on September 13, 1877, gained one of the prizes of life when he married Mary E. Hamman. She was born in Turkey Creek Township and was educated in the common schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Kolberg were farm renters for twenty years, and while maintaining their home in comfort and rearing their children they also gradually accumulated a fund which in 1899 he used to purchase eighty acres of land included in the present home farm. Mr. Kolberg now owns 160 acres, devoted to general farming and stock raising, and all this generous property he has made through his industry and the loyal cooperation of his good wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Kolberg have two children and three grandchildren. The daughter, Ann Eliza, married Elisha Hesh and lives at Goshen, Indiana. The son, Arthur C., married Violet Prentiss, and they are farmers in Turkey Creek Township. The family are members of the Brethren Church, of which Mr. Kolberg is a trustee. He is also concerned in the community affairs of his locality and is a member of the township advisory board. Politically he votes as a democrat.

C. C. DUKES, present trustee of Wayne Township, is a citizen of Warsaw whose services as a licensed embalmer and undertaker have been widely appreciated, and is one of the men looked upon for leadership and influence in all local affairs.

He was born on a farm near Peru, Indiana, November 27, 1879, son of Mitchell M. and Mary (Case) Dukes. His great-great-grandfather was a native of Scotland. His grandfather, Stephen Dukes, was born in Maryland and came west and settled near Richmond in Wayne County, Indiana, where he married Miss McKim, and some years later, in 1861, moved to Miami County, Indiana, where he spent the rest of his life and died in 1881. Mitchell Dukes was a boy when taken to Miami County, grew up there and married and lived on his farm and followed farming actively until the spring of 1898. Since then he has lived somewhat retired in the Village of Denver. He and

his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he is a republican. Mitchell M. Dukes and wife had six children, including: L. E. Dukes, of Denver, Indiana; Acel, of Denver; Myrtle, wife of Noble Hunt, cashier of the Denver Bank; Bertha, wife of N. Bohen, of Miami County.

C. C. Dukes grew up on his father's farm in Miami County, attended the district schools there and two terms in high school. At the age of nineteen he gained his first experience in the undertaking business at Peru, working there 3½ years, and also eighteen months at Plymouth, Indiana. In February, 1903, Mr. Dukes moved to Warsaw and has since been in business on his own account and is looked upon as a man of thorough qualifications and with all the facilities and equipment for his business.

He married Miss Cora Smith, of Fulton County, Indiana, but a native of Wabash County. They have two children: Juanita, born in December, 1903; and Mary, born in January, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Dukes are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Improved Order of Red Men and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Politically his affiliation has always been as a republican. Mr. Dukes was appointed trustee of Wayne Township in February, 1916, to fill out an unexpired term, and in 1918 was nominated for a second term.

Itasca J. Sharp has for a number of years been identified with the farming community of Van Buren Township, and is busily engaged in cultivating the land of his home a mile south of Milford.

He was born near Mansfield, Ohio, November 13, 1873, a son of George W. and Elizabeth (Heist) Sharp. His father was born April 5, 1850, and his mother January 24, 1843. They married in Ohio, were farmers in that state, and about 1875 settled in Van Buren Township of Kosciusko County. A year later George Sharp returned to Pennsylvania, but spent his last years in Kosciusko County, where he died May 1, 1903. He was a democrat in politics. In the family were two children, I. J. Sharp and Pearl. The latter is now the wife of John W. Homan and lives at Milford.

Itasca J. Sharp grew up on a farm and had a district school education. He has always lived at home with his parents and has never married. At present he lives with his widowed mother and has a farm of forty acres.

Mr. Sharp is affiliated with Milford Lodge No. 478, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past grand and member of the grand lodge. He is also past chief patriarch of Milford Encampment No. 242 and a member of the grand encampment. Mr. Sharp is a democrat in politics and is now serving as supervisor of roads in his district.

Stephen Freeman. With one of the finest lakes in northern Indiana within its boundaries, Kosciusko County has long enjoyed the benefits of one of the leading summer resorts of the state. This lake and its tourist population present some unusual opportunities to men

of enterprise, and one of those who have been attracted here as permanent settlers and not only home makers but providers of the supplies and facilities required by the situation is Mr. Stephen Freeman, proprietor of the Sunbeam Farm and of Truesdell Lodge on Lake Wawasee.

Mr. Freeman is a veteran of the business of paper manufacture, was identified with paper mills in his native New England and was formerly superintendent of a paper coating factory at Wabash, Indiana. He was born at Montpelier, Vermont, January 12, 1870, son of Stephen and Emma (Leslie) Freeman. His father was born in Barre, Vermont, in 1820, and his mother on May 7, 1836. She is still living in Vermont at the age of eighty-two. They had only two children, Stephen and Mary. Mary is a graduate of the Montpelier High School, spent two years in Wellesley College and is now the wife of Moses French of Solon, Maine.

Traditions of a good education were inherent in the family and Mr. Stephen Freeman is a man of college and university training. He attended the public schools of Vermont, graduating from high school there, and in 1894 received the bachelor of science degree from the University of Vermont. He specialized in chemistry, and his proficiency in that line soon brought him into connections with the paper making industry at Nashua, New Hampshire. He especially had to do with the coating of paper, and was in that department of one firm in New Hampshire for four years. In 1901 Mr. Freeman came to Wabash, Indiana, was foreman in the factory coating room and later became coating mill superintendent. He held the position of superintendent about three years.

On December 26, 1902, at Wabash, Mr. Freeman married Josephine Walter. She was born at North Manchester, Indiana, graduated from high school at Wabash and also attended Lake Erie Seminary at Painesville, Ohio. For several years she was a teacher in the public schools. In 1907 Mr. and Mrs. Freeman moved to Piedmont, West Virginia, and he was identified there with the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company until June, 1911. At that date he came to the beautiful Lake Wawasee, and has here developed an attractive summer home and a productive poultry and fruit estate of sixteen acres. He is a member of Hannah Lodge No. 61, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and in politics is a republican. At present writing he is nominee for trustee of Turkey Creek Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman have a happy family of five children: Stephen, Jr. born January 7, 1904; Lucy, born December 23, 1905; Margaret, born August 15, 1908; Joseph W., born March 28, 1915, and James B., born December 9, 1916.

Lanta W. Ford, M. D. While a large number of families in and around Syracuse count upon the professional services of Dr. Ford for all their requirements in medicine and surgery, this profession is not the sole interest of this very capable physician and surgeon. Dr. Ford comes of a race of farmers, and with all the demands made

upon his time and energy by his regular calling he is owner of two very fine farms in Wayne and Seward townships.

There are few names that have been longer identified with the history of Kosciusko County than that of this family. Eighty years ago his grandfather was struggling with the vicissitudes of pioneer conditions in Wayne Township, and from that day to this the Fords have pulled more than their own weight in agricultural and community affairs.

The history of the family begins when two Ford brothers came from England and one settled in New York and the other in Virginia. The Kosciusko County family is descended from the Virginia settler. A son of this colonist was George Ford, who was one of four brothers to help the colonies in their struggle for independence during the Revolution.

A son of the Revolutionary patriot was the founder of the family in Kosciusko County, Henry Ford by name, who was born in Virginia April 21, 1798. He grew up in his native state and on June 20, 1822, married Miss Phoebe Minear, who was born November 3, 1802, in Harrison County in what is now West Virginia. She was of English and German descent, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Minear.

It was in the summer of 1836 that Henry Ford brought his family to Kosciusko County. His first location was on the southeast quarter of section 35 in Wayne Township, and his nearest neighbors of white people were three miles away. In the course of time several other families, mostly from New England, came to the same community, and because of their origin the road upon which they lived was called Yankee Street. Henry Ford paid $1.25 an acre for a quarter section of land and was its first claimant from the Government. American families who live under the most stringent conditions of war regulations are luxuriously provided compared with the simplicity which marked the home life and the food and clothing of such early day families as that of Henry Ford. To his other burdens was added that of illness from fever and ague then so prevalent in Kosciusko County, and at one time he was the only member of the household able to be up and at work. But he had the qualities which enable men to live and prosper even under such conditions, and he spent his last years in comfort and took undoubted satisfaction in the remarkably capable family that grew up about him. In 1858 Henry Ford moved to section 13 of Wayne Township and lived on the farm he developed there until his death September 10, 1872. His widow passed away September 4, 1875. He served as a justice of the peace in his community a number of years, and he and his wife were active pioneer members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he was a democrat. Henry Ford and wife had eleven children: Lanta, Franklin, Elizabeth, John, Isaac, Noah, Eliza, Jacob, Shadrach, Callendar and Daniel. Of this family seven sons and daughters taught school, one of them had a classical education and three of the sons read and practiced medicine.

Daniel Ford, a son of Henry and father of Dr. Lanta W. Ford,

was born in Wayne Township September 19, 1841. He was educated in local schools, in the Warsaw High School, and studied medicine in the University of Michigan. However, he practiced only a few years, the sustaining business interests of his life being as a farmer and stockman. He also taught a number of winter terms of school in this and in Fulton counties. He acquired a large farm of 400 acres southwest of Warsaw and was one of the citizens who could be depended upon for any progressive movement in that locality. He was a democrat and with his wife an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. January 1, 1873, Daniel Ford married Miss Harriet Weirick. She was born in Richland County, Ohio, August 29, 1853, and was a child when brought to Kosciusko County by her parents, Jacob and Margaret Weirick. Daniel Ford and wife had two children: Lanta W. and Rosella. The daughter was born April 28, 1876, was educated in the public schools of Warsaw and DePauw University.

Lanta W. Ford was born on the old home farm in Wayne Township November 3, 1874. His boyhood days were spent as a farmer but his parents gave him the best of advantages in school. He attended the Warsaw High School and in 1901 graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine with the degree of M. D. In the fall of the same year he opened his office at Syracuse, and for over seventeen years has steadily attended to the needs of a growing practice. He is a member in good standing of the County and State Medical societies and is one of the talented professional men of the county. Dr. Ford is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Warsaw and is affiliated with Syracuse Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America and Kosciusko Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically he follows the family tradition as a democrat.

As a farmer Dr. Ford specializes in the breeding and raising of high grade livestock. He is a breeder of Shorthorn cattle and of Belgian horses.

Oscar Alfred Harding, a teacher and farmer, was born in Cork, Ireland, April 9, 1858. He was a son of Thomas and Mary (Lester) Harding, both of whom were born in Cork, Ireland, although his father was of English descent. The father was born September 24, 1823, the mother February 8, 1828. They were united in marriage June 14, 1846, both being devoted members of the Episcopal Church. To them were born five children who lived to maturity: George, Oscar, Robert, Minnie and Letitia. The mother died at Sturgis, Michigan, November 14, 1908, and the father, near Oregon City, Oregon, where he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Letitia Allen, December 28, 1912, being in his ninetieth year.

The subject of this sketch came to America in the spring of 1862 with his mother and youngest brother, sailing from Queenstown and landing in New York, his father and oldest brother (George) having come the year before. They located in Sturgis, Michigan. Oscar attended the Episcopal Parish School at Cork, Ireland, until he was nine years old and later attended the public school at Sturgis. He

finished his education at Hillsdale College, Michigan. For nineteen years he followed the teaching profession, teaching his first school in Noble County, Indiana, and later coming to Kosciusko County, where he met and on September 2, 1884, married Miss Emeline Weirick.

Mrs. Harding is a daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Smith) Weirick. She was educated in the public school, attended St. Michael's Academy, Plymouth, Indiana, also the Valparaiso Normal and later she was among the ranks of educators for twelve years. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Harding located on the farm where they now live, and where he continued teaching along with farming several years.

They have one daughter, Mary Alice, born August 9, 1886. She had her preliminary education at Mentone, later graduated from the Warsaw High School and in 1908 received her A. B. degree from DePauw University. Mary A. Harding married Stanley Stephenson Boggs. They have one child, Stanley H. Boggs. Mr. Boggs is a graduate of the Warsaw High School, spent two years in the civil engineering department of Purdue University and was then employed for six years as resident and locating engineer on the Frisco Railroad in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. He is now the nominee on the republican ticket for the office of county surveyor.

All the family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Harding is a teacher of the Bible class. He is affiliated with Mentone Lodge No. 567, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being a past master. His son-in-law, S. S. Boggs, is also a Mason.

JOSHUA ZIMMERMAN. Several of the most extensive farmers in Kosciusko County are comparative newcomers and came here from the rich and productive agricultural state of Illinois. One of them is Joshua Zimmerman, a large land owner and successful farmer in Van Buren Township. His large farm is two miles south of Milford.

Mr. Zimmerman was born in Woodford County, Illinois, April 13, 1864, a son of Michael and Kathryn (Naffzinger) Zimmerman.

Michael Zimmerman was born in Baden, Germany, September 19, 1820, a son of Andrew and Annie (Miller) Zimmerman, of Germany. He immigrated to America in 1839, with his father and family of five children, was thirty-one days on the sea and settled in Butler County, Ohio, where his father died. In 1848 Michael Zimmerman left Ohio and came to Illinois and settled in Tazwell County and later in Woodford County. He first purchased 100 acres of land and later owned 330 acres of fine farming ground. He married Miss Kathryn Naffzinger, born on the Atlantic Ocean July 9, 1826. They were married in 1845, and raised a family of nine children. Mr. Zimmerman died February 7, 1913, at the age of ninety-two years, four months, eleven days. His wife still lives (July 3, 1918), and has sixty-seven grandchildren and seventy-three great-grandchildren.

Michael Zimmerman served as an elder in the Apostolic Christian Church. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman are: Anna, wife of John Witzig; Barbara, wife of John Ramseyer; John, a resident

of Illinois; Lydia, wife of Abraham Rinkenberger; Chris, who lives in Livingston County, Illinois; Hannah, wife of John Hohulin; Joshua; Caleb, of Illinois; and Lillie, wife of William Holliger.

Mr. Joshua Zimmerman was reared and educated in Illinois, and lived at home until he was past his majority. For several years he worked out at monthly wages and began life with very little beyond what his labor had enabled him to accumulate.

February 25, 1890, he married Miss Mary Weturich. After their marriage they rented land in Illinois and their first farm was eighty acres. Later they sold that and bought 219 acres, and on moving to Kosciusko County purchased 240 acres in Jefferson Township. Two years later they came to their present location in Van Buren Township, where they acquired 160 acres. Mr. Zimmerman has 400 acres under his ownership, and several of his sons are now bearing an active part with him in managing this place. He is a general farmer and also keeps Norman horses.

Ten children were born to him and his wife, nine of whom are still living: Ernest, Catherine, Anna, Rosa, Levi (deceased), Michael, Harvey, Esther, Elmer and Ruth. The family are active members of the Apostolic Christian Church. Mr. Zimmerman is a republican in politics.

John H. Bowser, M. D., who graduated in medicine over thirty years ago, found his time and abilities more and more taxed as a competent physician and surgeon and was one of the ablest as he was one of the oldest practitioners in Kosciusko County at the time of his death. From the time of his graduation he was located at Syracuse and every one in that part of the county knew and esteemed Doctor Bowser and his fine family.

He was born in Elkhart County, Indiana, May 1, 1860, a son of Philip and Cassandra (Druckamiller) Bowser. His maternal grandfather, John Druckamiller, came from the vicinity of Philadelphia to Carroll County, Ohio, locating near Carrollton, and later moved to Elkhart County, Indiana. Philip Bowser was born at an old village called Bowsertown, near Dayton, Ohio, in 1829, a son of Daniel Bowser, who came from Providence, Rhode Island, and was a pioneer in Montgomery County, Ohio. Daniel Bowser later did some pioneer work in Elkhart County, Indiana, and constructed a dam near Milford Junction and operated one of the early mills. Philip and Cassandra Bowser married in Elkhart County, and then located on a farm midway between New Paris and Milford. In 1872 they moved to Goshen, where the father died in May, 1904. He was a stalwart republican of the old school. In the family were four children, one of whom died in infancy. Those still living are: Dr. John H.; Harley E., born in 1864 and now living at Goshen, Indiana; and Guy, born in 1878, who is a graduate of the Goshen High School and of the University of Michigan, and is now chief chemist with the National Portland Cement Company at Durham, Ontario, Canada.

The early life of Doctor Bowser was spent on a farm. He attended

common schools and high school, and entering Indiana Medical College graduated with the degree M. D. in 1885. On the first of June in that year he located at Syracuse, and in this locality he gave his professional services to nearly two generations of people. He was a member of the County and State Medical Societies.

Doctor Bowser married Susie E. Willey. Mrs. Bowser is a graduate of the Goshen High School and before her marriage was a teacher in Colorado. Five children were born to them, three still living: Howard A., born March 9, 1887; Harold J., born December 7, 1893; and Philip H., born January 30, 1896. These sons are fine specimens of sturdy American manhood and two of them are now serving their country. Howard, the oldest, is a fireman with the Baltimore and Ohio Railway. He married Mabel Wise, daughter of the late Doctor Wise.

The son Harold graduated from the Syracuse High School and spent four and a half years in the Indiana State University. For three years he was a member of the university football team. He enlisted in the United States Navy Reserve Force, took special training course for six months, and is now an ensign in the navy. The son Philip is a graduate of the local high school, studied medicine four years in the State University Medical School, and enlisted in the Medical Reserve for the Navy. He was captain of the State University basketball team in 1918.

Dr. Bowser affiliated with Syracuse Lodge No. 290, Knights of Pythias, and was a member and physician for the local lodge of Eagles. In politics he was a republican. He owned a fine modern home at Syracuse, having built it in 1892. Mr. Bowser died suddenly of angina pectoris on June 17, 1918.

JACOB B. MILLER. Some of the best farms and the most enterprising farmers are found in Jackson Township, among them being Jacob B. Miller, whose place is a half mile east of Sidney, in a community where his people have lived since pioneer times.

In Jackson Township he was born April 28, 1869, son of Samuel P. and Rachel (Heckman) Miller. His father was born in Ohio in 1842 and died in 1914. His mother was also a native of Ohio and is still living. They came to Kosciusko County with their respective parents, married here, and then settled on a farm in Jackson Township. The father was a very active member of the Church of the Brethren, which is an especially strong denomination in Jackson Township. He voted the republican ticket. Of the eight children, five are still living: Albert, a farmer in Jackson Township; Jacob B.; Calvin C., of Cherubusco, Indiana; Reason A., of Pierceton; and Elliott, a farmer in Jackson Township.

Jacob B. Miller grew up on the home farm and was educated in the public schools at Sidney. He was at home with his parents until twenty-one, and after that for twenty years farmed his uncle's place. On December 16, 1894, he married Miss Ollie Idle. Mrs. Miller was born in Monroe Township of this county June 13, 1871, daughter of

Marion and Huldah Idle. When she was three years old her mother died, and she lived in the home of her grandparents until her father married again. Her father was a soldier of the Union Army, was a very popular republican, filled the office of assessor of Monroe Township, and for a number of years taught the public schools. Mrs. Miller was well educated and was also a teacher before her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been farmers for many years. In 1910 they went West and proved up 160 acres of government land, then sold it and returned to this county. Mr. Miller has eighty acres, highly cultivated and improved, and is handling some well graded stock. He and his wife are members of the Brethren Church at Sidney, and in politics he has always supported the men and measures in the republican party.

HARLO W. CASE. As the nation grows older and more and more honor is paid to men who offered their lives as sacrifices to the preservation of the Union in the dark days of the '60s. One of these veterans still living in Kosciusko County is Harlo W. Case, whose life since the war has been one of peaceful industry as a farmer in Indiana, and who is now enjoying a well earned retirement at his home in Syracuse.

Mr Case was born in Warren County, Pennsylvania, at the town of Pine Grove, May 30, 1838. He has therefore attained the dignity of fourscore years. His parents, Rufus W. and Amarilla (Nichols) Case, were both natives of New York State and were married at Westfield, from which locality they removed to Pennsylvania. Harlo W. Case was reared in Pennsylvania, in Lucas County, Ohio, and also lived in Michigan at Macomb and in Monroe County. In early manhood he returned to Toledo, Ohio, and from that city enlisted in Company G of the Fourteenth Ohio Infantry. This was a ninety days regiment and at the conclusion of his term of enlistment he reenlisted for three years in Company F of the Fourteenth Ohio Infantry. Even that service was not sufficient to satisfy his ardor for his country, and he finally veteranized for another period of three years or to the end of the war. During the Atlanta campaign he was wounded with gunshot, and his last days in the armory were spent in hospital. He was granted his honorable discharge on account of disability February 16, 1865.

With the close of the war Mr. Case returned to Monroe County, Michigan, and on February 9, 1870, married Josephine Morss. She became the mother of eight children, seven of whom are still living: Charles, Eva, Nora, Ellery, Mary, Arthur, and James. The mother of these children died while the family were living in White County, Indiana. For his second wife Mr. Case married Mary J. White, who died two years later. He then married Sarah A. Weimer, widow of Washington Weimer, who was a minister of the United Brethren church. Mrs. Case had one daughter, Bertha, wife of Frank Crandall.

Mrs. Case is an active member of the United Brethren church. Mr. Case has long been an honored member of the Grand Army Post at

Syracuse and for sixteen years was its adjutant. During his residence in Lucas County, Ohio, he served as trustee of his township. Mr. Case because of his long and arduous service in the war has a medal from the State of Ohio as an appropriate memorial for his sacrifices. In politics he is a republican. Mr. Case owns a fine farm of a 144 acres in Turkey Creek Township of this county but for a number of years has enjoyed the comforts of a good home in the Town of Syracuse. His farm is known as the Lake View Stock Farm.

CHARLES H. ROOKSTOOL and his son are owners and managers of one of the notable stock farms of Kosciusko County. This farm is in Van Buren Township, on rural route No. 2 out of Syracuse. It is the home of some of the finest Holstein-Friesian stock found in Northern Indiana. Mr. Rookstool has been breeding Holstein cattle for a number of years, and some of his animals have received the highest marks and credits from competent judges. Both he and his son are members of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Mr. Rookstool was born in Elkhart County, Indiana, November 13, 1863, but has spent most of his life in Kosciusko County. This is one of the pioneer families in Northern Indiana. Samuel and Mary Rookstool, grandparents of Charles H., moved from Preble County, Ohio, to Elkhart County, this state, in 1836. Samuel Rookstool was born in Virginia and his wife in Ohio. They were the parents of a large family of children.

William Rookstool, father of Charles H., was born in Preble County, Ohio, August 13, 1835, and was a small infant when his parents moved to Elkhart County. He grew up there and in 1869 brought his family to Kosciusko County and settled on a farm in section 2 of Van Buren Township. At first his land had practically no improvements. There was a rough house 16x24 feet and very little land was cleared ready for cultivation. He went through the experiences of the real pioneer, and eventually made for himself and his family an excellent property. He owned land in Van Buren Township and also another farm in Elkhart County. He died January 31, 1889, and his widow is still living. On February 5, 1857, William Rookstool married Miss Sophia Grisamer, who was born in Noble County, Indiana, October 27, 1837, one of the nine children of Joseph and Anna Grisamer, natives of Pennsylvania. William Rookstool and wife had seven children. The first two died in early childhood. The third in age is Charles H., Rosetta is the deceased wife of Melvin Neff, and Ida M. died after her marriage to Daniel Neff. Della is the wife of R. E. Dewit of Milford, and Ira died in infancy.

Charles H. Rookstool was born in Elkhart County November 13, 1863, and was about six years of age when his parents left Benton Township of that county and moved to Van Buren Township of Kosciusko County. Here he attended the district schools and lived at home until after his majority.

In October, 1888, Mr. Rookstool married Miss Minerva J. Dewait. She was born on the farm where she now lives and was reared and

educated in this community. Mr. and Mrs. Rookstool have one child, Iman G., who was born August 24, 1889, and is a graduate of the common schools. He married Ethel M. Stiffler on June 16, 1908. She was born in Turkey Creek Township of this county. Iman G. Rookstool and wife have three living children: Merritt, Everett and Wreathel, while one son, Alva, is deceased.

It was in 1901 that Mr. Rookstool bought his present farm of 200 acres. He paid only $5,600 for land which under his management and with extensive improvements is now conservatively valued at $20,000. He has developed it as a thoroughly equipped stock farm. His fine barn was erected in 1907, and he extensively remodeled his home in 1908. Mr. Rookstool is a republican, and has received various honors from his party. Mrs. Rookstool is a member of the Church of the Brethren.

JESSE D. CORY is a prosperous farmer whose home is two miles west of Syracuse in Van Buren Township. The Corys are pioneers in Northern Indiana, and the family name has always been associated with honest, sterling worth and good citizenship.

The family was established in Elkhart County in the fall of 1831 by Jeremiah and Dolly Cory, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Kentucky. A son of these parents, A. C. Cory, was then thirteen years of age, having been born in Pickaway County, Ohio, April 19, 1818. A. C. Cory in 1837 bought eighty acres of land in section 1 of Van Buren Township, Kosciusko County. He made the purchase at the general land sale at La Porte. In a clearing made in the woods he erected a log cabin, and his first year's crop was an acre of corn. Most of the meat was supplied by the wild game, principally venison. He was one of the earlier settlers in Van Buren Township, and lived there to see the entire community transformed by the work of civilizing mankind. He had many experiences with wolves and other wild animals, not to speak of the hardships he underwent in clearing and improving his land. He was a republican in politics, served as director of the local schools many years, was a member of the Baptist Church and at one time a member of the Kosciusko County Pioneer Association. He first married, in 1839, Sally A. Mann, who died in 1845. January 4, 1846, he married Mrs. Matilda (Wood) Gunter. She was born in Ohio October 23, 1820, and her parents, John G. and Anna Wood, were settlers in Van Buren Township in 1840.

The father of Jesse D. Cory was Orange L. Cory, who was born in Elkhart County, Indiana, in 1846, and is now living in Syracuse. He married Selena Evans who was born in Kosciusko County. After their marriage they lived in Elkhart County for several years, but finally moved to Warsaw. Orange Cory served as deputy sheriff of the county. He finally moved to Syracuse, where he is now living. He and his wife had eleven children, seven of whom are still living.

Jesse D. Cory was born in Elkhart County July 15, 1868, but has spent most of his life in Kosciusko County. He was educated in dis-

trict schools and remained at home until twenty-one. For a number of years he has farmed his present place of eighty-nine acres and is a raiser of the staple crops and of good livestock. He is also a stockholder in the local bank. Mr. Cory is affiliated with the Eagles Lodge at Syracuse and in politics is a republican.

COLUMBUS DISHER. When Columbus Disher married, he and his wife had practically no capital to begin on, and all they have accumulated since then represents a great volume of hard and earnest work, thrifty cooperation, and a strict utilization of all the opportunities that have come their way. Mr. and Mrs. Disher now have a fine farm in section 29 of Turkey Creek Township, and besides their material circumstances they have reared a fine family of young sons.

Mr. Disher was born in Prairie Township of Kosciusko County July 22, 1866, a son of Japeth and Malinda (Boggs) Disher. Both parents died many years ago, leaving their only son an orphan child. He was reared in the home of Robert Towns, and had all his early advantages in the district schools. Later he paid his way through the normal course of the University of Valparaiso, and for twenty years was one of the successful teachers of Kosciusko County.

October 6, 1889, he married Margaret A. Thomas, who was born in Scott Township of this county, February 28, 1871. After their marriage Mr. Disher continued teaching school in the winter time and farmed in the summer, and in 1902 he and his wife were able to buy their present farm of 120 acres in sections 28 and 29 of Turkey Creek Township. Mr. Disher does general farming and stock raising, and has a number of good hogs besides other livestock.

The following sons were born to their marriage: DeWitt, born February 11, 1891, is a graduate of the common schools and the high school, married Hattie Kuhn and they reside in Turkey Creek Township. Othello, born October 28, 1892, attended high school and is now with the Oliver Plow Company at South Bend. Ralph, born January 21, 1900, is a graduate of the common schools and attended high school, but is now enlisted in the United States Army and is with the Expeditionary Forces in France. Lloyd and Floyd, twins, were born October 24, 1904. Columbus, the youngest, was born May 1, 1907.

Mr. Disher is a democrat in politics. Mrs. Disher was reared and educated in Scott Township of this county. Her father, Andrew J. Thomas, was born in North Carolina and was brought to Indiana when a boy by his parents. The Thomas family was identified with the early settlement of Kosciusko County. Andrew J. Thomas married Margaret Beckner, a native of Ohio. After their marriage they lived on a farm in Scott Township, where Mr. Thomas died in 1881. Mrs. Thomas died July 21, 1918. They had nine children, seven of whom are still living: William E., a retired farmer of Scott Township; Jacob E., a carpenter in Scott Township; Jennie, wife of Frank Binkley, of Bourbon, Indiana; Ida, wife of Charles Yager, of Scott Township; Lewis, principal of the Etna School; Margaret A., Mrs. Disher; and Charles O., a retired farmer.

HARLEY R. REGENOS. Five and half miles southwest of Claypool on rural route No. 1 in Seward Township is a farm that has been under one management and in the possession of one family for three successive generations. Its present owner, Harley R. Regenos, is a grandson of the man who cleared the land from the woods and instituted the arts and practices of agriculture. Harley R. Regenos is also a well known auctioneer and is one of the successful men of affairs in the township.

He was born on the farm where he now lives January 23, 1883, and his parents were Jefferson and Mary (Warren) Regenos, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Wabash County, Indiana. The pioneer grandfather was Martin Regenos, who came to Kosciusko County in 1860 and at that time located on the farm where his grandson now lives. Martin Regenos is remembered as a very excellent type of citizen and was especially devout as a church member and for forty years was class leader of the United Brethren church. His son Jefferson was hardly less active in church affairs, while the grandson Harley assumes as large a share of church activities as his responsibilities permit.

Harley Regenos spent part of his early life on the old homestead, and some years ago returned to it as owner and manager. He has a place of 100 acres, and it is gaining a wide reputation as the Yellow Creek View Farm, productive not only of all the staple crops of this region but of some very high grade livestock. Mr. Regenos has figured as a crier of public sales for a number of years and has much special talent in that direction. He is a leader of the republican party in his home community and has been nominated for trustee of Seward Township. He is also at present serving as president of Seward Township Farmers Institute.

November 5, 1904, Mr. Regenos married Miss Minnie Mattix. She was born in Franklin Township of this county. They have four young children: Frankie L., Allen Dale, Orlando Dean and Ilo Elizabeth.

JACOB E. DOTY is widely known over Kosciusko and adjoining counties as a successful and general contractor with home and headquarters at Milford. He has been in the contracting business for a quarter of a century and has developed an organization that lacks nothing in efficiency and equipment for handling the largest as well as the smallest contracts for building and general industrial work.

Mr. Doty was born on a farm 2½ miles east of Milford April 12, 1868, a son of Alonzo and Elizabeth (Rush) Doty, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Pennsylvania. Alonzo Doty grew up in Ohio and had a notable record as a soldier, being in the war with Mexico in the '40s and later serving as first lieutenant in the Civil war. He was wounded in the battle of Shiloh, but after recovering continued until the end of the struggle. He married for his first wife Elizabeth Moore, and they had four children: Elizabeth, wife of Louis Case; Jennie, wife of George Pentry; Richard L., who lives in Tennessee, and William, who died in childhood. For his second wife

Alonzo Doty married Elizabeth Rush. By that union there were two sons and two daughters, two of whom are still living: Alonzo Ulysses, a farmer and contractor in Van Buren Township of this county; and Jacob E.

Jacob E. Doty has lived in Milford since he was six years of age. He attended public schools here and at the age of fourteen began learning the stone mason's trade. He served a thorough apprenticeship in that line, and the large experience gained as a journeyman brought him a complete and detailed knowledge of nearly every branch of the contracting business. He became a contractor at the age of twenty-five, and for a long period of years the business has been conducted as Doty Brothers.

Mr. Doty married Samantha Miller, daughter of D. W. Miller. She was reared in Jackson Township of Elkhart County. They have three daughters: Erma, wife of Charles Troster, of Milford; Maude, a graduate of high school and of the State University, wife of Frank Clover of Gary, Indiana; and Mary E., a graduate of the Milford High School and the wife of George Keller of Milford. The mother of these children is now deceased. In September, 1917, Mr. Doty married Lilah Seniour. He is affiliated with Kosciusko Lodge No 418, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is past master In politics he has been active as a republican, has served as town trustee, and for six years was county engineer of Kosciusko County. He has also served as a member of the City Council of Milford a number of years.

Isaac T. Smith. The records of early settlement in Kosciusko County contain few earlier dates than the year when Jacob Smith, father of the prosperous and well known farmer of Prairie Township, Isaac T. Smith, arrived here and acquired his first land in Prairie Township. The family has had a long and honorable history in connection with agricultural and local affairs since that time, extending over eight decades.

The fine farm home of Isaac T. Smith is five miles northwest of Warsaw. He was born in Prairie Township August 1, 1843, son of Jacob and Jerusha (Thomas) Smith. His father was born in Erie County, Pennsylvania, in 1806 and his mother in Ross County, Ohio. Jacob Smith on starting west walked all the way from Erie, Pennsylvania, to Logansport, Indiana. He married in that town and lived there for a year, but in 1833 invaded the woods and prairies of Kosciusko County. He entered a tract of Government land in Prairie Township, and cleared away a place in the midst of the woods for his log cabin home. He was a quiet, unassuming man, always industrious and capable in his work, and gained the high esteem of all the citizens of his locality. He acquired 340 acres, and was one of the prosperous farmers. In politics he was a democrat. Jacob Smith died in August, 1891, and his wife in 1894. Of their eight children the following are named: Hiram Smith, who lived in Plain Township, married Bettie Irwin and died in 1918; Alwilda, widow of Robert

McBride, living at Leesburg; Mary, wife of William Webster, of Prairie Township; O. H. P., who died in 1918; and Isaac T.

Isaac T. Smith grew up in his native township and had a common school education. He made good use of his educational opportunities, and for fourteen years was a successful teacher. On November 26, 1868, he married Mary J. Rose. She was born in Elkhart County, Indiana, November 14, 1848, and lived there until her marriage. Mr. Smith has acquired a good farm of 260 acres and for many years has conducted it with a high degree of efficiency and profit.

He and his wife have three children: Edward T., a graduate of the Fort Wayne High School and now lives in Indianapolis; Claude M., a graduate of the common schools and living with his parents; Goldie E., a graduate of the Warsaw High School, wife of Ralph Huffer, living in Prairie Township.

Mr. Smith has always been a democrat in politics. In 1884 he was elected trustee of Prairie Township by a majority of thirty-one, at a time when the township was considered safely republican by a margin of twenty-five. He was reelected by a majority of forty-one in 1880 and 1882. He has always been active in his party and has neglected no opportunities to cooperate with every worthy movement in his locality.

Edward H. Smith. There are comparatively few families that have kept their residence continuously in Kosciusko County for a period of over eighty years. The present generation of such a family is represented by Edward H. Smith, one of the able citizens and good farmers of Prairie Township. Mr. Smith lived five miles northwest of Warsaw, and is now in practically the same locality where this branch of the Smiths established themselves at a time when Kosciusko County was filled with heavy woods, Indians and wild game.

The founder of the family here was his grandfather, Jacob Smith, who was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, August 25, 1806, a son of Peter and Rachel (Reynolds) Smith. Peter and his wife were both natives of Pennsylvania and married about 1799 and had eight children. Peter spent his life in Pennsylvania and died there at the age of sixty-three and his wife passed away in Minnesota.

After reaching maturity Jacob Smith in the fall of 1829 came to Indiana and explored a considerable portion of the wilderness of the northern part of the state. For several years he lived at Logansport in Cass County, but in 1833 was one of the early arrivals in Prairie Township of Kosciusko County. At that time most of the land had been surveyed, but very little of it was occupied and a large part was not yet on the market. In 1834 Jacob Smith bought 320 acres of land from Edward McCartney, government agent and Indian interpreter. Later he had an opportunity to sell half of this land and was busied with the development and cultivation of a quarter section. As his prosperity increased he bought other land until he had more than a half section, and most of it under cultivation. He was one of the men to whom credit is due for laying the substantial foundation which

the present generation of Kosciusko County people enjoy. Jacob Smith married November 16, 1832, the year before he came to Kosciusko County, Miss Jerusha Thomas, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Lumbeck) Thomas, natives of Kentucky. This pioneer couple had a family of eleven children: Edward, who died in infancy, was born August 31, 1834, and his was the first recorded birth of a white child on Turkey Creek prairie; Edward McC., named for the government land agent, was born September 28, 1836, and was also one of the first white children born in this county; Alwilda was born January 28, 1839; Hiram was born March 18, 1841; Isaac T. was born August 1, 1843; Oliver H. P., born August 1, 1846; Henry O., born July 9, 1848, and died at the age of seven years; Mary I., born November 9, 1850; Elizabeth A., born January 11, 1852, and died at the age of eight years; Dange, born January 7, 1854, died at the age of six years, and the youngest born in 1866 died unnamed.

Edward McC. Smith grew up in Prairie Township, and was one of the well known residents of that locality until his death in 1914. He was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a democrat in politics. He married Jennie Thomas, and they had four children, Charles, deceased; Hiram J., a farmer of Prairie Township; Edward H. and Susan A., twins, the latter the wife of George Anglin of Warsaw.

Edward H. Smith was born in Prairie Township December 14, 1869. His early environment was the home farm and his education was supplied by the country schools. On June 12, 1901, he married Miss Gertrude Anglin, who was born in Etna Township February 8, 1875, daughter of William B. Anglin of this county. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs Smith located on a place a half mile west of where they now live. Their present farm comprises 368 acres, all in Prairie Township, is one of the high class estates of the county, devoted to general farming and stock raising. Mrs. Smith was educated in the common schools, and for several years before her marriage taught in Prairie and Scott townships. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children: Charles W., born July 4, 1905, and Arthur E., born February 13, 1911. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Millwood Chapel of the Christian Church. Mr. Smith is a democrat and is affiliated with Leesburg Lodge No. 192, Knights of Pythias.

Franklin Byrer was brought to Kosciusko County over half a century ago, has lived in this and in surrounding counties of the state most of his life, and though formerly a shoemaker has gradually devoted more and more of his energies to farming and has one of the good places of Prairie Township, four miles northwest of Warsaw.

He was born in Stark County, Ohio, April 25, 1848, son of Jacob and Barbara (Spiegel) Byrer. His father was born in Pennsylvania in 1821, and his mother in Ohio, in which state they married. They had only one child, Franklin, who was nine months old when his mother died in 1849. His father came to Indiana in 1865 and located at Clunatt in Prairie Township. He bought eighty-five acres at Stony Point, but made his home in Clunatt and followed the trade

of shoemaker there until his death on July 12, 1885. For his second wife he married Lydia Myers, and they had three children, only one now living, Wilson Byrer, of Clunatt.

Franklin Byrer attended school at Clunatt and under the direction of his father learned the trade of shoemaker. He stayed at home working in his father's shop until 1880, when he moved to Marshall County and bought a farm. In 1890 he sold his place there and returned to Kosciusko County. On July 12, 1909, he came to his present place of ninety-five acres and by his long continued industry and good management has been prospered and has everything to satisfy the modest wants of himself and family.

December 24, 1871, Mr. Byrer married Anna R. Reisch. She was born in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, and was brought to this county when a girl. To their marriage were born six children, three of whom are now deceased. Ellery is unmarried and living at home. Warren married Iva Moore, who died leaving two children. Clarence O., who lives in Etna Township, married Erbie Dunick and has two children. The family are members of the United Brethren Church.

William G. Irwin. One of the families to be properly included in this record of Kosciusko County people is that of William G. Irwin, a farmer, 1¼ miles north of Atwood in Prairie Township.

The Irwins have been here since pioneer times, and Mr. Irwin was born on his parents' farm in Washington Township, northwest of Pierceton, May 10, 1862, son of Stewart and Sarah A. (Richie) Irwin. His parents were both natives of Ireland. His father was born in 1812 and his mother in County Tyrone in 1831. Stewart Irwin came to the United States with his parents and located in Logan County, Ohio, while Sarah Richie's family first located at Greenfield in Hancock County, Indiana. They were married in Ohio and lived on a farm in that state for a time, and on coming to Kosciusko County they settled in Washington Township, but after a year moved to Tippecanoe Township, spent another twelve months there, and then bought their home in Prairie Township where they lived until death. Mrs. Sarah Irwin was a member of the United Brethren church. He was a republican. They had eight children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are: Robert C.; John R., a farmer north of Atwood; William G.; Sarah, wife of Frank W. Harman of Prairie Township; James S., a farmer in Wisconsin; and Sherman C., a carpenter at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

William G. Irwin was reared in this county, attended the common schools and was an industrious helper at home until the age of twenty-six. He then married Miss Carrie A. Lutes, who died fifteen months later, leaving no children. For his second wife Mr. Irwin married Clara J. Miner, and they became the parents of four children: Joseph S., Justin D., Sherman R. and Carrie A. After the death of his second wife Mr. Irwin married, September 4, 1913, Mrs. S. C. Webb. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Atwood. Mr. Irwin is a past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias and is a republican, having served as local committeeman for twelve

years. He is a man of quiet and unassuming citizenship, does his part in local affairs, and is industriously managing his home farm of forty acres.

ALONZO U. DOTY. Practically every one in the northern part of Kosciusko County knows of the enterprise and vigor with which members of the Doty family manage all their affairs. Alonzo U. Doty is both a practical and thorough farmer and also a member of the firm Doty Brothers, general contractors, who handle general building, road making and other work all over this and surrounding counties.

Mr. Doty was born in Jefferson Township of Kosciusko County July 4, 1863, son of Alonzo and Elizabeth (Rush) Doty. His father was born in New York City and his mother in Ohio. Both families came to Indiana in early days, and Elizabeth Rush grew up in Kosciusko County. Alonzo Doty, Sr., was reared in New York State and learned the machinist's trade in Ohio. He had an interesting record as a soldier, going into the army at the time of the Mexican war. He was discharged as a lieutenant. When the Civil war broke out he organized a company and went in as lieutenant and was promoted to captain. After the war he came to Kosciusko County. His first wife was Miss Moore, and her children still living are Mary, Richard, Jennie and Elizabeth. By his marriage to Elizabeth Rush, Alonzo Doty, Sr., had four children: Alonzo U.; Rosa, deceased wife of Henry Newcomb; Matilda, deceased wife of Harry Tripp; and Jacob E., who is a partner with his brother in the firm of Doty Brothers.

Alonzo U. Doty spent the first thirteen years of his life on his father's farm and in the meantime acquired a fair education in the district school. At the age of fourteen he went to work at the mason's trade, and that has been an important line of his work to the present time. He and his brother have handled some very large contracts in this part of the state. In October, 1896, Mr. Doty moved to his farm of eighty-three acres three quarters of a mile south and a quarter of a mile east of Milford and conducts his farm in the same thorough and efficient manner in which he does his contracting work.

Mr. Doty married Cora B. Huffman and they began housekeeping at Milford. She was born in Preble County, Ohio, and was educated in the local schools. They are the parents of eleven children: Lulu, wife of Lloyd Felkner; Ollie, wife of C. A. Gawthrop; Harry, who married Nina Sharp; Pearl, Ray, Bessie, Dwight, George, Bernice, Dorothy and Henry. Mr. Doty is a past grand of Milford Lodge No. 478, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has sat in the Grand Lodge. He is a republican in politics. For twenty years he held the office of constable.

MARTIN V. MCCLINTIC, a prosperous farmer of Turkey Creek Township, represents the third generation of a family that became identified with Kosciusko County about eighty years ago. The name has been associated with good citizenship, capable industry as farmers, and faithful performance of all community responsibilities.

Mr. McClintic was born on the farm where he still resides, July 14,

1878, son of John and Lydia (Koher) McClintic. His father was born in 1837 and his mother in Adams County, Indiana, in 1845. The family was founded here by the grandfather, Esten McClintic, who when the country was all new acquired 563 acres in Turkey Creek Township, and there developed a large farm and enjoyed every degree of prosperity corresponding to his time and generation. He was the father of a large family, consisting of Abbie, Elizabeth, William, Mitchell, Margaret, Lucinda, Julia A, Mary, Aaron and John.

John McClintic grew up in Kosciusko County, and after his marriage settled on the land where his son Martin now lives. He and his wife spent the rest of their days in that home. He was a soldier of the Union Army, enlisting in Company I of the Thirty-Fifth Indiana, and saw much hard and active service. In politics he voted as a democrat. He and his wife had four children: Esten E., of Syracuse; Charles F., formerly an engineer with the Interstate Steel Corporation of Chicago; Martin V.; and John C., who was killed by a horse in 1894.

Martin V. McClintic grew up on the home farm and had a district school education. At the age of thirteen, when his mother died, he went to live in the home of his uncle, Mitchell McClintic. Mr. McClintic also has an army record, gained during the brief war with Spain. He enlisted April 23, 1898, in Company H of the One Hundred and Sixtieth Indiana Volunteers, and saw three months of active service on the Island of Cuba. He was mustered out April 26, 1899.

On January 11, 1898, Mr. McClintic married Miss Sarah V. Hall. Five children have been born to their marriage: Marie, Gerald, deceased, Donald, Mildred and Ethel.

Mr. McClintic owns a half interest in the 139 acres of the old homestead, and is busily engaged in general farming and stock raising. He is an independent voter and is affiliated with North Webster Lodge No. 367, Knights of Pythias.

SHERMAN HUFFER. Among the men of Kosciusko County who have won success by industry, good management and hard and well directed efforts is Sherman Huffer, whose home and farm are in Monroe Township, 2½ miles south and two miles west of Pierceton on rural route No. 6. Huffer is a name that has long been well and favorably known in the county. One of the members of the family is now sheriff, and the name has always been associated with honorable and straightforward living and good and useful citizenship.

Sherman Huffer was born in Prairie Township of this county, January 31, 1865, and is a son of the late Rudolph Huffer. Rudolph Huffer was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, February 6, 1831, son of Daniel and Sarah Huffer, natives of the same state. He is one of ten children and when he was four years of age his parents moved to Fairfield County, Ohio. In 1854 Rudolph Huffer came to Kosciusko County, living at Warsaw two years, and working at the trade of blacksmith, which he had learned in Ohio. From Warsaw he moved to Prairie Township, was a farmer there about eight years, and

later settled upon a farm in section 28 of Harrison Township. He first acquired 160 acres, and gradually cleared away the heavy growth of timber and added to his farm until he had 200 acres and was regarded as one of the most prosperous men of his community. At the time he came to the county his wealth consisted of $530. He was also a man of affairs, serving as township trustee and as school director. In politics he was a republican and at one time took a very active part in the Kosciusko County Agricultural Society.

In Kosciusko County Rudolph Huffer married, October 11, 1855, Miss Sarah Staymates, daughter of Jacob Staymates, one of the pioneers of Harrison Township. Rudolph Huffer and wife had eleven children, nine of whom are still living: Jacob D., present sheriff of the county; Horton C., of Warsaw; Sarah C., wife of Charles Vandermark, of Burkett, Indiana; Gertrude, who married James Falley; Charles D., who lives in Franklin Township; Lawrence, now deceased; Joseph and Edmond, both of Harrison Township; Jennie, wife of Tilden Milburn; Pearl, wife of Roll Anglin; and Sherman.

Sherman Huffer grew up on his father's farm in Harrison Township, and gained his education in the district schools there. At the age of twenty-one he entered into a formal agreement with his father to work on the farm, and remained there one year. He then took employment with the late Horace Tucker, and put in good and faithful service with that well known farmer for three years before his marriage and remained with him seven years longer. He then bought 131 acres where he now lives in Monroe Township, and has occupied this place continuously since the spring of 1898. The farm stands as a monument to his industry and good management. Mr. Huffer has always kept good grades of stock and his success is due to the same degree of efficiency that a merchant or manufacturer employs in his business.

Mr. Huffer married Phoebe Smith, a native of Kosciusko County and daughter of Samuel Smith. They have four children: Russell E., who is a graduate of the common schools and married Mary Cook; Monroe R., a graduate of the common schools, married Florence Dunkelberger; Vesta M. and Velma G., both of whom have finished their education and are now married. Vesta M. married Harry R. Taylor, of Chicago, but who is now on the firing line in France. Velma G. married Carl Snell, whose home is in Jackson Township. He is now in training at Camp Custer, Michigan. The family are members of the Christian Church and in politics Mr. Huffer is a republican.

Charles M. Tucker, a son of Albert Tucker and grandson of the pioneer John Tucker, both of whom are referred to more at length on other pages, is recognized as the largest land owner and farmer, feeder and shipper of livestock in Franklin Township. He does business on a large scale, employs a number of men on his farms, and has made a success of agriculture and stock husbandry without indulging in any fads and fancies. Mr. Tucker has gone in for registered and

blue ribbon stock only on a very limited scale and without interfering with his major operations as a stock feeder.

The farm where he lives today was the scene of his birth on July 10, 1870. As a boy he attended the public schools, part of his education being acquired at Mentone. He started out with an independent capital of about $2,500, and has since accumulated 1,500 acres of land and has more of it in cultivation to grain crops than any other farmer in that part of the county. As a rule Mr. Tucker cultivates about 170 acres in wheat, 160 in oats and 160 acres in corn. On his pastures and feed lots he runs about 250 head of cattle, 275 head of hogs, a few sheep, and for a number of years has been a breeder, buyer and seller of horses. He has had as many as 100 horses at one time. Mr. Tucker is an unrivaled judge of livestock, and it was his keen judgment of stock that has brought him his chief success.

Mr. Tucker married Miss Susanna Eiler, daughter of Henry and Ellen Eiler. She was born in Franklin Township and finished her education at Warsaw. Her father, Henry Eiler, was both a farmer and lawyer. While living on his farm he was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney of Kosciusko County, and then moved to Warsaw, where he died. He was one of the prominent republicans of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker had nine children: Nellie, the eldest, a graduate of the Mentone High School, and is the wife of Professor Earl Blue, of the Warsaw High School; Mars, the second child, graduated from the Mentone High School and married Faun Doran, and has two children; Floyd, a graduate of the common schools, married Flo Igo; Cuba is a graduate of the high school at Beaver Dam; Mary graduated from the high school at Beaver Dam; Chauncey, aged eleven, Edison, aged seven, and Curtis, aged four, are the younger children in the home circle. Lillian, seventh child in order of birth, died when six months old.

Mr. Tucker has always been a liberal supporter of churches and every worthy movement in his community. He is affiliated with Mentone Lodge of Masons and with the Royal Arch Chapter Council and Knight Templar Commandery at Warsaw. Politically he is a republican. Mr. Tucker is a stockholder in the Mentone Bank.

George W. Smith has given about forty years of his career to the business of farming, and is still one of the useful men in Kosciusko County in keeping up the volume of production that constitutes the quota of this county and state to fill the needs of the Government and the allies. Mr. Smith's farm is two miles south of Mentone in Franklin Township.

In that township he has spent practically all the days of his life. He was born February 3, 1856, son of Leonard and Mary (Heise) Smith. His parents were both natives of Pennsylvania, married there, and in 1849 came to Franklin Township, when that district was still in the woods. Leonard Smith did a good deal toward making a farm, but died at an early age in 1864. His widow survived him until 1892. Both were active church members, and he was affiliated with the republican party from the time of its organization

until his death. In the family were four daughters and six sons, four of whom are living: Daniel, a farmer in Fulton County, Indiana; A. J. Smith, of Franklin Township; Albert, a farmer in Michigan; and George W.

George W. Smith as a boy attended the district schools and made such good use of his educational opportunities that he himself taught for several terms in Franklin and Seward townships. August 23, 1884, he married Miss Rosa Jones. She was born in Seward Township of this county June 10, 1865, daughter of Samuel and Eliza J. Jones. Mrs. Smith was reared on a farm a mile south of Burkett, and was educated in the public schools at Pierceton and in the high school at Warsaw. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Smith located on the farm where they now reside. The home farm comprises 120 acres, and they also have eighty acres in Seward Township.

Their only child, Cora F., was born August 15, 1885, and died September 13, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Mentone, and in politics he is a republican. For two terms he was honored by his fellow citizens for the office of trustee of Franklin Township, and made his administration a forceful and wise one, productive of much good to the local schools.

ALBERT L. TUCKER. Member of one of the oldest families of Kosciusko County, Albert L. Tucker, of Mentone, has displayed many of the characteristics of the family in his makeup and experience, and has become widely known through his success as a farmer and stock dealer.

He was born in Franklin Township of this county September 19, 1849, son of Horace and Eliza (Johnson) Tucker. Albert L. Tucker grew up on the home farm, attended the district schools in winter, and developed his strength by actual practice in the fields in summer.

At the age of nineteen he married Elizabeth Bechtelheimer on March 4, 1868. After his marriage he lived at home two years and his father then gave him $6,000 and with it he bought a farm of 208 acres, assuming a debt of $6,200. Later he bought another eighty acres and he still owns the original 208 acres. He has been a practical farmer, but more particularly has been successful in the buying and selling of cattle, sheep and hogs.

Mr. Tucker by his first wife had eight children: Elmore; Effie, wife of Leonard Summe; Ivan, a farmer in Franklin Township; Ida, widow of Lawrence Huffer; Roy, a farmer in the State of Washington; John, a railroad conductor living at Chicago; Millie, wife of Arthur Getty, living at Silver Lake; and Dr. Frank C., of Claypool.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Tucker married Emma Mabe, and they had two children, Una and Horace, but the last named is deceased. For his third wife he married Lulu (Tipton) Tucker, and their two children are Dearl A. and Rex Le Roy. Lulu Tucker by her first marriage to John Tucker, had three daughters, Ethel, Lena and Anna; Ethel and Lena are attending the Mentone High School and Anna is deceased.

Albert L. Tucker is a democrat in politics, and the only member of the numerous Tucker family in Kosciusko County to espouse that political allegiance. He lives in a township that is republican normally, but when he was nominated by the democrats as candidate for trustee his well known ability and personal popularity elected him, and he served four years very creditably.

WILLIAM F. BAUGHER. It has been the good fortune of William F. Baugher to spend his life in Kosciusko County, where he has been identified with the noble calling of agriculture, and has been consistently public spirited in his attitude toward all common and public duties. The farm from which he has long enjoyed the fruits and where he still lives is in Turkey Creek Township.

He was born in Tippecanoe Township of this county January 1, 1859. The old homestead that was his birthplace is now owned by his brother, John A. Baugher. He is a son of Charles and Henrietta (Gugeler) Baugher. His father, a native of Germany, came to the United States when a young man in order to avoid and escape the enforced military duty, and from New York City he came westward, first to Ohio and later arrived in Kosciusko County. He was a successful and prosperous farmer and lived on his farm for many years, but finally retired to North Webster, where both he and his wife died. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In their family were five sons and two daughters: Matilda and Jacob, both deceased; John A., owner of the homestead in Tippecanoe Township; William F.; Louise, widow of William Gross; Christian, who lives in Kansas; and Henry, deceased.

William F. Baugher grew up on the old home farm and attended the district schools to the age of thirteen. Since that time he has been more than paying his own way in the world, and he remained at home and worked the farm till twenty-one, and then entered into a formal agreement with his father to run the homestead.

In 1891 he married Miss Alice Gross, a native of Turkey Creek Township. For two years after their marriage they continued to rent the old farm and Mr. Baugher then bought seventy-one acres included in his present farm.

Mr. Baugher is a democrat in politics and is affiliated with Milford Lodge No. 178 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He lost his wife March 20, 1896, after a married life of only five years. One child is still living, Zepha. She had a district school education and on February 22, 1911, married Clinton Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Cox have one child, Dallas, born March 15, 1916.

DAVID LEWELLEN is one of the oldest residents of Kosciusko County and was here when everything was in a pioneer condition. He has witnessed the events and changes of seventy years in this locality and is one of the few men still surviving who cast a vote for Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Lewellen was born in Stark County, Ohio, July 4, 1838, a son

of William and Mary (Fore) Lewellen, the former a native of the vicinity of Philadelphia and the latter of Ohio. They married in Ohio and in 1844 brought their family to Kosciusko County and located in Tippecanoe Township. David Lewellen grew up in the old home in Tippecanoe Township, and his advantages in the way of education was confined to only a few days in the district schools. After his father's death he lived with his mother and later engaged in farming for himself. He has lived on his present home farm for thirty-four years. It comprises ninety-four acres in Turkey Creek Township and he also owns forty acres in another place. His success has been due to a combination of general farming and stock raising.

Mr. Lewellen married Lizzie Ritten, daughter of David Ritten. Their children are William, Daniel, Sallie, Aquilla, Etta and Simeon. Though Mr. Lewellen cast a vote in war times for Abraham Lincoln he has as a rule been a democrat.

SAMUEL KELLEY. Though one of the newer residents of Franklin Township, Samuel Kelley has been a welcome addition to the local citizenship, since he is a man of enterprise as a farmer and is owner of one of the best places in the northern part of the township. His home is in section 14, two miles south and a mile west of Mentone.

This branch of the Kelley family was identified with the pioneer settlement of Grant County, Indiana. The history of Grant County records that a Samuel Kelley located in Green Township as early as 1846, and when the township was organized a year or so later the first election was held in Samuel Kelley's home. It was in Green Township that Mr. Samuel Kelley was born May 5, 1864, a son of James and Susanna (McClain) Kelley. His father was a native of Henry County, Indiana, and his mother of Ohio. James Kelley was taken to Grant County when a boy, and grew up and married there. After his marriage he settled in Green Township and he and his wife spent the rest of their days there. Both were very active members of the Church of Christ, which he served as trustee, and as a republican he was honored with election as trustee of Green Township two terms. James Kelley and wife had eleven children: Elizabeth, deceased wife of David Thearlkill; John C., who lives at Swayzee; William H., of Greentown, Indiana; Abraham L., of Howard County; Mary A., wife of Stephen Martin; Samuel; Adelia, wife of Eph Allen; Maria, wife of Frank Downs; James, a farmer in Fulton County; David, a farmer in Van Buren Township of Grant County; and Cora, wife of George Horine.

Samuel Kelley grew up in his parents' home in Grant County, was educated in the district schools and lived at home until grown. While working a farm he also bought and operated for six years a tile mill, and manufactured great quantities of tile used in draining the fields of his community.

November 21, 1889, he married Rosa B. Morris. She was born in Carroll County, Missouri, January 25, 1870, but spent her girlhood largely in Miami and Grant counties of this state. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Kelley lived nine years in Green Township of

Grant County, and in 1898 came to Kosciusko County. Their first home, for four years, was in Warsaw, later they moved to the Palestine community, and from there came to their present farm. The prosperity represented in their land and its improvements is almost entirely the result of their work, thrift and careful management since they were married.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelley had eight children: Belle B., a graduate of the Warsaw High School, for three terms a teacher and now wife of D. W. Henderson, of Atwood; Dale, who graduated from high school and from Muncie College with the degree A. B., was a successful teacher for four years, but when the war broke out with Germany he enrolled in an officer's training camp and is now serving with a commission as second lieutenant in France; Carol, a graduate of high school, was also a teacher three terms, and is now the wife of Francis McSherry, and lives in Seward Township; Vere, a graduate of high school, is a practical farmer at home, and on August 24, 1918, married Miss Vera Blue, daughter of A. W. Blue; the other three children still living, all at home are Blond, Blanche and Beulah L. The family are members and take an active part in the Church of Christ at Mentone. Mr. Kelley is an elder and trustee of the church. He is a republican, but has never sought nor held public office.

William M. Hartzell. It is the life of real performance and of quiet and effective work in all circumstances that offers the least material for description, and yet no life means more to the community in which it has been lived.

This is true of the career of William M. Hartzell, one of the leading farmers of Scott Township, who is now concluding his first term as trustee of that township, an office conferred upon him by the confidence of his fellow citizens, and which he has completely justified by his administration.

Mr. Hartzell was born in Etna Township of this county February 15, 1869, a son of John and Belinda (Messimore) Hartzell. His parents were both born in Ohio and were married in Kosciusko County. They lived on a farm, and John Hartzell was also a carpenter. They were members of the Christian Church and in politics he was a republican.

William M. Hartzell started his career as a wage earner and worker in the world at the age of thirteen. After that he was privileged to attend the local schools only two and a half months each year until he was eighteen. He got his start by working at monthly wages, and at the age of twenty-eight was able to boast the ownership of forty acres of land.

In the meantime, in January, 1887, he married Ida Jones, who was born in Marshall County, Indiana, but was reared in Kosciusko County. After their marriage they lived on their first farm of forty acres for nine years, and then bought their present place of 105 acres in Scott Township. Mrs. Hartzell is a member of the Christian Church. He is a democrat in politics and was elected on that ticket trustee of Scott Township. His present term expires January 1, 1919,

and he is now the party nominee for a second term, which he completely deserves.

SILAS DUNCAN. One of the best known citizens of Scott Township is Silas Duncan, who for many years has lived in Kosciusko County and is still vigorously and diligently attending to his duties as a farmer and stock raiser on his place four and three-quarter miles southeast of Nappanee.

Mr. Duncan was born in Putnam County, Missouri, June 7, 1855, a son of Silas and Isabelle (Cook) Duncan. He was the youngest of four children and his birth occurred after his father's death. He has a sister still living, Lucinda, widow of James Stackhouse of Bourbon, Indiana.

In April, 1863, Mrs. Silas Duncan, the widowed mother, came to Kosciusko County with her children and settled in Scott Township, where she lived until her death. She had married John M. Miller in Missouri, and they traveled overland from that state to Indiana in a wagon. The father of Silas Duncan, Sr., was an Englishman and his wife was an Irish woman. During the journey from Missouri to Indiana John M. Miller and family stayed all night with a farmer, and the next morning they were unable to find the proper change to settle the bill and it was agreed that Mr. Miller would leave the money with a merchant in the next town five miles away. On reaching that town Mr. Miller made the necessary inquiry and left the sum prescribed. The transaction was witnessed by a half drunken man, who came up to Mr. Miller and invited him to drink. Mr. Miller at first refused, but on being told by the bibulous individual that his father had often admonished him whenever he met an honest man to treat him, Mr. Miller conceded a point and accepted the treat. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had one daughter, Anna B., wife of William H. Clinger, of Warsaw.

Silas Duncan, Jr., was only eight years of age when he came with his mother to Scott Township. He lived at home until he was sixteen and then started out for himself, having some knowledge of farming and a fair district school education. On June 19, 1881, he married Mary A. Harlan, who was born in Prairie Township of this county August 24, 1854, daughter of William and Eliza (Boggess) Harlan. She was reared in Van Buren Township and attended the district schools there. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Duncan settled on her mother's farm and lived there for some years and then moved to Plain Township, and from there in 1906 came to their present place of fifty acres in Scott Township. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan are members of the Church of God and in politics he is a republican. Their children are: Morris, who is married and lives in Van Buren Township; William H., whose home is west of Warsaw; Charles L., deceased; Nora I., wife of William Cain of Scott Township; Maude, wife of James McCubbin of Leesburg; and Caroline, unmarried and at home.

Mrs. Duncan is, as already noted, a daughter of William and Eliza Harlan. Her great-grandfather, George Harlan, was a native of Virginia, moved in pioneer times to Kentucky, and in 1806 left that state

and went to Ohio, and died near Dayton. He had eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, James, Samuel, John M., George, William, Elijah, Jacob, Elizabeth, Sarah, Nancy and Mary Jane.

Samuel Harlan, grandfather of Mrs. Duncan, was born January 11, 1800, and died December 22, 1842. On coming to Indiana he first settled in Wayne County and afterwards in Henry County. His second wife was Eliza Adney, and they had five children.

William Harlan, father of Mrs. Duncan, was born in Henry County, Indiana, and in 1852 married Eliza Boggess. By that marriage there were four children: Jerome; Mary, Mrs. Duncan; Sophronia, wife of John Estep; and George. Mrs. Duncan's mother died in 1859 and her father then married Caroline Raker, who bore him four children.

Edson B. Sarber. For the past twelve years the county superintendent of schools in Kosciusko County has been Edson B. Sarber. Mr. Sarber has given nearly all his active lifetime to educational work, though for a considerable period he was trustee of his home township and looked after its educational interests more in a business and financial way than as an instructor. In his work as a schoolman, particularly in furnishing wholesome instruction to the younger generation concerning the activities and character of the pioneers who developed this county, Mr. Sarber has many fruitful lessons in his own family history. He represents one of the oldest names of Kosciusko County, and his grandfather and father before him were very useful and influential citizens here in the early times.

Abraham Sarber, his grandfather, was especially identified with the pioneer annals. He married Louisa Hendren, and after their marriage they lived for two years in Franklin County, Ohio, sold their farm there and moved to Putnam County, Ohio, and settled in the midst of a wilderness where their nearest white neighbors were ten miles away. In that isolated community they lived and worked for six years. Abraham Sarber acquired several tracts of land in Putnam County, and on one of these he founded the town of Kalida. In 1836 he sold his interests in Ohio and moved to Iroquois County, Illinois.

From Illinois in the fall of 1840 Abraham Sarber brought his family to Kosciusko County, Indiana. Thenceforward for a period of full three quarters of a century the name has been one of wide reaching influence in this locality. In 1841 Abraham Sarber built a saw mill at Palestine, and in 1843 he added a grist mill to his plant. In 1843 his mill sawed the lumber for the first frame court house built in Kosciusko County. His were the first mills of any importance in the southern part of the county. In the fall of 1843 Abraham Sarber sold his milling plant and bought a farm in the north part of Harrison Township, where he lived until the death of his wife in 1863. He then bought a farm near Atwood, and lived in the Town of Atwood until his death. For his second wife he married Miss Eliza Crane, of Hamilton County, Ohio. The only son of this union was David, who became a newspaper man in California. The eight children of Abraham and Louisa Sarber were: William, Adam, Melissa, Amanda,

Mary, Thomas B., Dorothy and John, the first four having been born in Ohio and the last three in Kosciusko County, Indiana.

Thomas B. Sarber, father of the county superintendent of schools, was born in Harrison Township of Kosciusko County, October 4, 1842. He was reared on a farm, acquired an education in the local schools and also attended school in Warsaw in 1858-59. On May 24, 1863, he married Miss Martha A. Timmons, daughter of William and Catherine (Dunnuck) Timmons. The Timmons family settled in Wayne Township of Kosciusko County in 1845. After his marriage Thomas B. Sarber lived in Allen County, Indiana, one year, then returned to Harrison Township of Kosciusko County, and in 1866 bought his farm in Seward Township. The land which he acquired there was an unbroken wilderness. As his father had done before him, he undertook a pioneer task in its clearing and development. His first home there was an old log cabin that had been standing a number of years, and in 1868 he replaced that rude habitation with a comfortable residence, and in the course of time that became one of the best improved and most valuable farms in Seward Township. Thomas B. Sarber has figured in politics to a considerable extent, though as a democrat he was usually on the minority side. In 1884 he was an unsuccessful candidate for sheriff, but ran a hundred votes ahead of the state ticket. He has been a member of democratic committees and attended a number of conventions. He was a passenger on the first train of cars that passed through Seward Township. In the Spring of 1882 he built the first store in Burkett, Indiana. Thomas B. Sarber and wife became the parents of three children: Edson B.; Louisa C., deceased; and Andrew E. Andrew was for several years a teacher.

Edson B. Sarber, who may well be proud of the sturdy stock from which he is descended, was born on a farm in Allen County, Indiana, March 11, 1864. As already stated, his parents after their marriage lived about a year in Allen County, but then returned to Kosciusko County. Edson B. Sarber grew up on the old homestead of his father in Kosciusko County, acquired a primary education in the neighboring schools, and for a time attended the two-room school building at Sevastopol. When only sixteen years of age he taught his first term of school, in a school house located two miles from home. For ten years his work as an educator was confined to the country schools, and for eight years he was principal of the cshools at Burkett, the little village where his father had built the first store. In the meantime he had been bending his efforts toward gaining a broader and more liberal education. He spent several summer terms in the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, paying his own way from his own earnings as a teacher. He pursued an elective course, and is broadly educated without having acquired a college degree.

On September 16, 1883, Mr. Sarber married Miss Olive A. Rickel, daughter of George W. and Mary Rickel. Her parents are substantial farming people living near the Village of Sevastopol.

After having taught for a number of years Mr. Sarber in November, 1900, was elected trustee of Seward Township, and was therefore

obliged during his term of office to give up his work as a teacher. As the township trustees employ the teachers it would hardly have been ethical for himself as trustee to have employed himself as teacher. He continued in the office of trustee until June, 1903, when he resigned to assume his duties as superintendent of schools for the entire county, an office to which he had been elected a short time before. By re-election he has been kept in the office of county superintendent to the present time, and it can be said to the credit of his administration that the schools have never shown greater progress during any one ten year period than under the direction of Mr. Sarber.

James P. Fogle has spent most of his life in Kosciusko County and his birth occurred in a house that stood on the interurban corner in Warsaw, June 30, 1860. Mr. Fogle is a baker by trade, was in the baking and confectionery business for many years, but about ten years ago retired to a farm and is making a notable success as a farmer and stock raiser in Plain Township.

Mr. Fogle is a son of Jacob J. and Christina (Perkey) Fogle. His parents were both born in Stark County, Ohio, his father at the City of Canton. Both the Fogle and Perkey families have long been identified with Kosciusko County, the mother coming here with her parents at the age of fourteen. Jacob J. Fogle came here in 1855, locating at Warsaw, where he followed his trade as a brass molder. He was also a farmer and general laborer. He was affiliated with Kosciusko Lodge No. 62, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, serving as Noble Grand and as chief patriarch of the Encampment. The mother died in 1902. They had three children: James P., Nancy, who died at the age of three years, and John D., who lives at Bourbon, Indiana.

James P. Fogle grew up at Warsaw and attended the public schools there. When fourteen years old he began learning the baker's trade, and after following it for a time established a shop of his own at Bourbon, Indiana, but lost everything in a fire. After that he became a real journeyman, traveling over the country and spending a short time in Florida. Returning to Warsaw he opened a bakery and confectionery store and was steadily in business there for thirty years.

In 1891 Mr. Fogle married Ida May Fletcher, of South Whitley. She was born in Whitley County, Indiana, and was educated in the common schools. Some years ago Mr. Fogle bought 115 acres in Plain Township, and he and his wife moved to the land and have occupied it as their home since 1907. Mrs. Fogle is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She is a past grand of Salome Lodge No. 27, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a past president of the Women's Relief Corps of Warsaw, and was secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for seven years. Mr. Fogle is past patriarch of the Encampment and for twelve years was trustee of his lodge. In politics he votes as a republican.

James Cox is one of the high class and enterprising citizens of Franklin Township, has a good farm two miles south and half a mile

west of Mentone, and has been hard at work at farming with scarcely a break for more than forty years.

He was born near Laketon in Wabash County, September 30, 1857, son of John and Sarah (Fogerty) Cox. His mother was a native of New Jersey. Both came in early days to Wabash County, were married there, and from that county John Cox enlisted and served all through the Civil war in Company I of the Forty-Seventh Indiana Infantry. He was present in many battles, saw much hardship, but was never wounded. After the war he returned to Wabash County, also lived for a time in Marshall County, for some years was a resident of Franklin Township of this county, and finally moved to a place east of Warsaw, where he died at the age of fifty-seven. He and his wife were good, honest, Christian people and had a host of friends. He was affiliated as a charter member with the Odd Fellows Lodge at Sevastopol, serving as Noble Grand, and was also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and a republican voter. Of the ten children, seven are still living: James; Jennie, wife of Charles Bash, of Mishawaka; Lucinda, widow of Melvin Summe; John, of Warsaw; Robert, of South Dakota; Dell, of Goshen, Indiana; and Elza of Warsaw.

Mr. James Cox has spent most of his life in Kosciusko County. After getting his education in the district schools he lived at home until he was twenty-one, and then for several years worked out as a farm hand. In 1879 he married Miss Eva Hall. They began housekeeping on a farm in Franklin Township, and gradually progressed toward independence and prosperity. Mrs. Cox died in April, 1910, the mother of two children, one of whom died in infancy. The other, Delta M., was born October 6, 1881, is a graduate of the common schools, and is now the widow of Dr. S. J. Snodgrass. Doctor Snodgrass practiced medicine at Burkett, Indiana, for twenty-nine years. Mrs. Snodgrass has two children, David J., born in April, 1909, and Esther K., born in October, 1913. In 1912 Mr. Cox married for his present wife Laura E. Rockhill Brinsley, widow of Arthur Brinsley. Mrs. Cox is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Mentone. Mr. Cox has always manifested a commendable interest in the welfare of his community and has been quite active in the republican party.

JOHN W. ANGLIN. The fruits and experiences of the life of John W. Anglin have been gathered in Kosciusko County, where since early manhood he has been an active farmer, and has made his efforts count in the direction of a steadily increasing prosperity, liberally dispensed in the rearing and training of his family and in effective all around good citizenship.

Mr. Anglin, whose farm is in Prairie Township, ten miles northwest of Warsaw, was born in Scott Township of this county, August 12, 1857, a son of Adrian and Rachel (Biggs) Anglin, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Indiana. The Anglins were among the pioneers of Kosciusko County and have lived here seventy-five or eighty years. His parents were married in Kosciusko County and spent the rest of their days on a farm in Scott Township. They were

members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Adrian Anglin was an independent republican in politics. Of their children six are still living: Adeline, wife of John McCann; John W.; William and Grant, both residents of Nappanee, Indiana; Mary, wife of William Smith, of Nappanee; and Abbie, wife of Ed Martin.

John W. Anglin grew up on his father's farm and was educated in the district schools. At the age of twenty he started out to make his own way in the world, and not long afterward he married Miss Elva Cleveland. To this marriage were born four children: Emil, a painter living at South Bend; Nellie, wife of Wake Wilt; Clara, wife of Charles Lynch; and Milo, who is now in war service. These children were all small when their mother died, and Mr. Anglin was left with the responsibilities of the farm and their care. He later married Mary Light, and they have five children: Ethel, of Leesburg; Fred, who married Nellie Roberts; Edith, Wilber, and Ida, born June 15, 1907. The children were all given good educational advantages and have been well prepared for their respective duties in life. Mr. Anglin is an active member of the Church of God in Scott Township. He is a republican in politics, and is the only member of the Anglin family in the county to vote that ticket. The farm which he diligently supervises and manages has 100 acres, and makes a splendid home for himself and family.

Jefferson Garber, the present postmaster of North Webster, has long been identified with commercial affairs here and in other parts of the state, and is that type of man whose energy means something in the constructive administration of the community's affairs.

Mr. Garber represents one of the old and well known families of Kosciusko County. He was born in Tippecanoe Township, December 22, 1863, son of Samuel and Polly (White) Garber. His father was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in 1830 and died in Kosciusko County on his farm in 1888. The parents were married in Kosciusko County and were industrious and worthy farming people of that community the rest of their lives. They were members of the Christian Church at North Webster and Mrs. Samuel Garber was very active in its membership. They had eleven children.

The life of Jefferson Garber to the age of twenty-one was spent on the old farm near North Webster, and his education was supplied by the district schools. After reaching manhood he went out to Missouri and was a farmer in Jasper County of that state for a couple of years. Returning to Kosciusko County, he laid the foundation of his mercantile career as clerk in a general store at Wilmot. A year later he and his brother Albert bought a general store at Noblesville, and for six years prosperously conducted it under the name of Garber Brothers. Selling out, they came to North Webster and in this old and substantial town of the county acquired the general store of John A. Ketring. The brothers continued their active relations as merchants eight years, when Albert Garber sold his interests to James Mock. For the next three years the store was continued as Garber & Mock, and Mr. Garber then acquired his partner's interest and in March, 1917,

took in his son-in-law, Edward Phelps, as partner. The title is now Garber & Phelps. They keep a large and well selected stock of general merchandise and supply the demands of a territory some miles in every direction around North Webster.

Mr. Garber married Ella J. Weade, daughter of John Weade. Mrs. Garber was born in Noble County and was educated in the common schools. They have two daughters. Zelma, a graduate of the North Webster High School, is the wife of Edward Phelps, business partner of her father. Bessie, also a graduate of the North Webster High School, is married to Forest Croop, of Warsaw. Mr. Garber has three grandchildren, Devon and Donald Phelps, and Forest Croop, Jr.

Mr. Garber has carefully administered the office of postmaster at North Webster for eight years. He owns his own store building and has two of the best dwelling houses in the town. Politically he is a republican and is past chancellor of North Webster Lodge No. 367, Knights of Pythias, and a member of the Grand Lodge.

William S. Stocker is an honored veteran of the Civil war, in which he sustained a wound that sent him home when the struggle was still at its height. He has been a resident of Kosciusko County for more than half a century and the productive labors of the earlier years have enabled him to enjoy a comfortable retirement for some time, though he still lives on his farm in the northeast corner of Tippecanoe Township.

He was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, May 1, 1842, son of Andrew and Margaret (Strieby) Stocker. His parents were both born in Stark County, Ohio. In the spring of 1863 the parents and eight children came to Indiana and settled just over the line in Noble County, opposite the farm of William S. Stocker. Andrew Stocker died near Webster, December 13, 1882, at the age of sixty-five.

William S. Stocker was reared in Ohio and in that state on August 17, 1862, enlisted in Company K of the Ninety-Eighth Ohio Infantry. He was sent into General Buell's army in the Kentucky campaign and only a few weeks after his enlistment took part in the Battle of Perryville, where he was wounded in the left side. He was sent to a field hospital at Perryville, was later removed to Lebanon and from there to Louisville, and after partial recovery was given an honorable discharge, December 28, 1862, and sent home. He accompanied his parents to Indiana.

On November 19, 1868, Mr. Stocker married Sarah C. Knepper, who was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, January 29, 1847, and was brought to Indiana when a year and a half old, her parents settling in Noble County, where she grew to womanhood and where she lived until her marriage. Her father was a native of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and her mother of Franklin County.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Stocker settled on a farm in Noble County and a few years later moved to section 1 in Tippecanoe Township, where they have had their home nearly half a century. Mr. Stocker has prospered in his general farm work and has given attention to some specialties, especially bee keeping. He has always

Wm. S. Stocker
Sarah A Stocker

been a prominent man in his township affairs, is a republican voter and is a member of the United Brethren Church at Oak Grove.

He and his wife had eight children, five of whom are still living: George E., of Spokane, Washington; Edward H., of Noble County, Indiana; Rosa B., wife of Elmore Kohen, of Kosciusko County; Samuel, of Turkey Creek Township; and Myrtle, wife of Bert Earl, of Noble County.

WILLIAM SHROYER is one of the men who are properly accounted successful and are numbered among the enterprising citizens and farmers of Plain Township. Mr. Shroyer has lived in this county all his life and for the past quarter of a century has directed his energies to farming and stock raising on his place consisting of 120 acres, one of the well arranged and productive homesteads of his locality.

Mr. Shroyer was born in Plain Township June 11, 1865, son of Daniel and Matilda (Huffman) Shroyer, the former a native of Stark County, Ohio, and the latter of Kosciusko County. Daniel Shroyer came to Indiana with his parents, George and Sarah (Wolf) Shroyer. George Shroyer was born in Virginia, June 5, 1808, and married in Ohio. He and Sarah Shroyer had seven children. His first wife died August 28, 1861, and he was a second time married. George Shroyer on coming to Indiana settled in Elkhart County, but finally moved to Kosciusko County, and died here June 11, 1880. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and in politics a democrat. Daniel Shroyer after his marriage settled in Plain Township, and his wife died there, while he passed away in Elkhart County. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and served as a trustee. In the family were nine children, four of whom are still living. William; Lewis E., of Plain Township; Luela, wife of Frank Wilcox, their home being the old home farm in Plain Township; and Charles A., who graduated from the pharmacy department of Purdue University and is now a druggist at Warsaw.

William Shroyer grew up on the old farm and had a common school education. He lived at home until his marriage, December 25, 1893, when Miss Catherine Brumbaugh became his wife. Mrs. Shroyer was born in Kosciusko County, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Brumbaugh. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Shroyer settled on the farm where they now live and where they have been prospered and have become objects of special esteem in that community. They are members of the Church of the Brethren, and Mr. Shoyer is affiliated with Warsaw Lodge of the Masons. In politics he is a republican. He and his wife have one daughter, Grace, who finished her education with two years in the Warsaw High School. She is now the wife of Ralph McDaniel, of Plain Township, and her three children, grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Shroyer, are named Charles, Lenore and Catherine.

HOWARD L. MAUZY is a farmer located a mile east of Dutchtown in Tippecanoe Township, and is one of the young and enterprising men from whom a great deal can be expected in solid and substantial

achievements, as already demonstrated by the work he has done in improving and carrying on his present place.

Mr. Mauzy was born on the farm where he now lives October 23, 1885, son of N. W. and Harriet A. (Clark) Mauzy. His father was born in Pennsylvania in 1850. His mother died October 23, 1917. They were members of the Dunkard Church. Of their six children five are still living: John W.; Edward, who lives in Tippecanoe Township and married Alta Heron; Cardie, a traveling salesman living at Auburn, married Nellie Thorn; Ida is the wife of Harry Weaver, living in Whitley County, Indiana; and Howard L.

Howard L. Mauzy grew up on the old farm and had a district school education. He lived with his parents to the age of twenty-one and on December 22, 1907, married Miss Rilla May Crist. Mrs. Mauzy was born in Plain Township April 26, 1890, daughter of William and Mary J. (Ritter) Crist.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Mauzy began farming, and have been making much headway during the past ten years. In 1917 they moved to their present place, which comprises forty acres, and which is managed with good equipment and with plenty of livestock. Mr. and Mrs. Mauzy have one son, Leonard L., born September 24, 1909. Mr. Mauzy and family are very active members of the Progressive Brethren Church. He is secretary of his local church and superintendent of its Sunday School. In politics he votes as a republican.

JOSEPH P. WEIMER. One of the men whose name is spoken with special mark of respect in the North Webster community is Joseph P. Weimer, long identified with the agricultural affairs of that region and also a banker of North Webster. His country home is a mile north of the town.

Mr. Weimer was born in Stark County, Ohio, June 5, 1860, son of Joseph D. and Hanna (Hurraw) Weimer. The parents were both natives of Pennsylvania but were married in Ohio and from there came to Kosciusko County in 1865. From that time until their death they lived on a farm east of Webster Lake. Joseph D. Weimer was very active in the United Brethren Church and served as an exhorter. In the family were nine children, five of whom are still living: Cyrus, a retired farmer of North Webster, fought as a Union soldier in the Civil war all the way from 1861 to the close of hostilities; Savilla, wife of Levi Fiddler, of Syracuse, Indiana; Mary, wife of Frank Kuhn, of Wisconsin; Joseph P.; and Dessie, wife of Elias Fiddler, of North Webster.

Joseph P. Weimer was five years old when his parents came to Kosciusko County, and here he grew to manhood and has found opportunities for a busy and useful career. He was in school until about eighteen, and at the age of twenty-one began working his father's farm and after his father's death bought part of the old homestead.

November 25, 1888, Mr. Weimer married Lillie Singer, of Oswego, Indiana. She was born at Wolf Lake in Kosciusko County. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Weimer sold the farm and bought a

place a mile and a half north of North Webster in Happy Corner community. This was their home and there they prospered for eighteen years. Moving from there, they bought their present place a mile north of North Webster, where Mr. Weimer has a highly cultivated farm of a hundred and forty acres. It is devoted to general farming and stock raising. Mr. Weimer was one of the organizers of the Farmers State Bank at North Webster and is a member of its board of directors.

He is a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church at North Webster and has served as superintendent of the Sunday School. Politically he votes as a republican. He and his wife have two children: Zermah and Dale R. Zermah is the wife of Robert Phelps, and they have one child, Charlon H. Phelps.

Milo H. Harmon. The most enviable class of people in the world today are the farmers, and those who have learned by experience to handle their affairs with more than ordinary capability and judgment are winning not only material prosperity, but are performing a service reckoned in value as hardly less than bearing arms in the great conflict of civilization.

Milo H. Harmon is proprietor of Maple View Farm, 4¾ miles north of Etna Green in Scott Township. Mr. Harmon has been a farmer most of his life, is a native of Kosciusko County, and his place has a more than local reputation as the home of some of the finest stock of Duroc strain of hogs in Northeastern Illinois. His hog herd is headed by French Royal No. 192015, and this high grade stock Mr. Harmon has found satisfactory from every point of view. He also handles much other livestock, and devotes practically all the resources of his farm to meat production.

He was born January 13, 1866, a son of David S. and Susan (Bordner) Harmon. His father was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and in youth moved to Henry County, Ohio. He married Miss Bordner, a native of Wood County, Ohio, and five years later they moved to the Stoney Point community in Prairie Township of Kosciusko County. David S. Harmon was one of the popular men of that community until his death in 1906. His widow is still living on the old farm. Both were members of the Dunkard Church and he was a republican. Of their nine children, five are still living, John H., Albert, Milo H., Sarah, wife of John Q. McFarren, and Emma, wife of Peter Bowen.

Milo H. Harmon grew up on the farm near Stoney Point, and besides the advantages derived from the district schools took a course in the Valparaiso University in 1886. At the end of twenty-eight weeks he was graduated in the commercial course and then returned home and went to farming.

Mr. Harmon married Cora J. Bowman. After their marriage they farmed one summer on his father's farm, another year on the farm of his wife's father, and then bought eighty acres of land in Marshall County. That county was their home for five years, at the end of which time they returned to Kosciusko County and bought the Maple

View Farm, regarded as one of the best in improvement and general production in the county, and comprising 120 acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon have one son, Loyal V., born January 21, 1894, and a graduate of the common schools and the Etna Green High School. He married Goldie Johnson, and they are farmers living in Etna Green. Mr. Harmon is affiliated with Leesburg Lodge of Masons and is a very active republican. He is also a stockholder in the Mutual Telephone Company.

ARGUS B. WHITEHEAD. One of the names that is well known to the people of Kosciusko County as standing for expert agricultural ability and sound citizenship is that of Whitehead, represented by Mr. Argus B. Whitehead, who is known among his neighbors of Tippecanoe Township as a very practical and at the same time progressive farmer. Mr. Whitehead's home is 8½ miles northeast of Warsaw.

He has spent most of his life in this county, but was born in Elkhart County, March 22, 1875, son of Emanuel and Elizabeth (Ulery) Whitehead. His father and mother were born and grew up and married in Elkhart County. They were farmers there, and about 1888 moved to Kosciusko county and located where their son Argus now lives, acquiring a hundred acres. At that time land in Indiana was comparatively cheap, and they paid only forty dollars an acre for this homestead. Emanuel Whitehead made his home on the farm until after the death of his wife and has since lived in Warsaw. There were six children, four of whom are still living: Argus B.; Jesse, assistant postmaster of Warsaw; Dr. C. S. Whitehead, of Naperville, Illinois; and Calvin, a railway mail clerk with a run on the Pennsylvania between Chicago and Pittsburg.

Argus B. Whitehead spent most of his life on the farm and has lived on his present place since he was thirteen years old. He had a district school education and on November 22, 1896, married Miss Myrtle Sparklin. Mrs. Whitehead was born in Kosciusko County July 1, 1876, and was educated in the common schools. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead located on a farm in the northeast corner of Wayne Township, but a year later returned to the old Whitehead farm, which they rented until March 10, 1912. They now own 200 acres, and it furnishes constant demands upon their united energies. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead have four children: C. G. Whitehead, a graduate of the North Webster High School and now a student in North Manchester College; Laurie, who has had three years in the North Webster High School; Earl, a graduate of the common schools; and Dale, still in the district school.

This is one of the prominent families of the Church of the Brethren in their part of the county. Mr. Whitehead is a deacon in the church, has always been one of its active workers, and has served as church clerk and is present church treasurer. For the past seven years he has been superintendent of the Sunday School. In matters of politics he supports the republican party.

JAMES A. STONEBURNER. One of the valuable men of Kosciusko County from the point of view of service rendered the public is James A. Stoneburner, fish and game warden, who for thirteen years has occupied this office under the state government, and has used his influence and his official capacity to protect and conserve the game resources of the country and enforce the laws and regulations pertaining thereto. Mr. Stoneburner is also a farmer, and has lived at his present place in Plain Township since 1911. One of the features of his farm is Stoneburner Beach, a very popular resort in the county.

Mr. Stoneburner was born in Warsaw, February 19, 1883, son of John and Angeline (Shaddow) Stoneburner, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana. His parents married in Kosciusko County and spent the rest of their days in Warsaw. They were the parents of five children: Samuel, Mary, Rose, Ruth and James A., all now deceased except the last.

James A. Stoneburner grew to manhood in the city of Warsaw and attended the public schools there. His first vocation was as a stationary engineer and for about eighteen months he was connected with the Warsaw waterworks. He was then appointed deputy commissioner of fish and game for the state of Indiana, and has given his services in that capacity since 1905.

March 31, 1905, Mr. Stoneburner married Bertha E. Wirieck, who was born in Kosciusko County, daughter of Napoleon and Sadie Wirieck. She is a graduate of the common schools. They have two children, Paul and Cleta May, both in the public schools.

Mr. Stoneburner takes an active part in Masonry and other fraternities, and is affiliated with Warsaw Lodge No. 73, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arch Chapter, and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason at Fort Wayne. He is also affiliated with Warsaw Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and is a charter member of the Loyal Order of Moose at the county seat. In politics he is a republican, but has held no office except as fish and game warden.

JOHN W. MAUZY. A large part of the population of Plain Township is familiar with and patronizes the store of John W. Mauzy of Dutchtown, finding that a reliable place for their general supplies and appreciating Mr. Mauzy's enterprise and personal qualifications as a merchant and good citizen.

Mr. Mauzy is a native of Kosciusko County, born in Tippecanoe Township, April 2, 1879, son of N. W. and Harriet A. (Cunningham) Mauzy. His father was a native of Virginia and his mother of Ohio, and both came to Kosciusko County when young and after their marriage here settled on a farm in Tippecanoe Township, where they spent the rest of their days. The mother died October 25, 1917. They were members of the German Baptist Church at Oak Grove and the father was a republican in politics. Of the six children five are still living, John W.; Edward, a farmer in Tippecanoe Township; Cirdie, a salesman at Auburn, Indiana; Howard, a Tippecanoe Township farmer; and Ida, wife of Harry Weaver, of Richland Township, Whitley County, Indiana.

John W. Mauzy grew up on the farm in Tippecanoe Township and had a common school education. He lived at home until September 29, 1907, when he married Miss Nellie Van Curen, daughter of B. F. and Cora (Howard) Van Curen. Her people are well known and substantial farmers of Wayne Township of this county. Her father was born in Washington Township, this county, February 14, 1857, and her mother was born in Noble County, May 12, 1866. Mr. and Mrs. Van Curen have six children: Nellie, a graduate of the common schools; Bessie, a graduate of the common schools and wife of E. G. Pletcher; Forest, who married Elizabeth Shoda; Wayne, Irene and Ruth.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Mauzy lived for a time in Warsaw, then on a farm in Plain Township, spent a year in Tippecanoe Township, and for three years Mr. Mauzy had his home in Goshen, Indiana, where he was connected with the Curtis and Carmine Hardware Company. This was followed by six months with a hardware store at Syracuse, Indiana, after which he utilized his experience and training by opening a stock of general merchandise at Dutchtown. Mr. Mauzy is a member of Warsaw Lodge No. 73 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and in politics is a republican.

JOHN E. HALL. One of the families longest represented in Kosciusko County's citizenship is that of John E. Hall. The Halls have been here over fourscore years, and the name through all these decades has been synonymous with good citizenship, industry and business success.

The family was established here by his grandparents, Samuel and Catherine (Anglin) Hall, both of whom were born in Virginia of English and Irish ancestry. They married in 1822. Catherine Anglin was a daughter of Adrian and Mary (McClung) Anglin. In the fall of 1834 Samuel Hall left Virginia and came west and penetrated the wilderness of Eastern Indiana to a tract of Government land in Plain Township of Kosciusko County. He acquired 320 acres of land from the Government in 1835, not being permitted to register for land until that date. So he experienced many of the trials and hardships of the pioneer, lived for several years with as many Indians as white neighbors, but finally brought his land under cultivation and was not only a successful farmer but conspicuous as a man of affairs. He held the office of justice of the peace, was also associate judge for a number of years, and for one term was state senator. He died in 1857, at the age of fifty-five, and at the time was candidate for state representative. In politics he was a democrat. His widow survived him until 1882 and passed away at the age of eighty-three. They were parents of eight children: Melinda, born April 26, 1823; Elam, born January 10, 1825; Hiram; Lucinda, born March 1, 1829; David, born January 18, 1832; Elizabeth, born March 5, 1837; Joel, born October 18, 1839.; Matilda, born February 22, 1846.

Hiram Hall, father of John E. Hall, was born in Harrison County, Virginia, October 26, 1826, and was eight years old when the family came west to Indiana. Most of his education therefore was acquired

in subscription schools. For four months he attended Franklin College, and after that did some teaching. In 1850 he bought 166 acres of sparsely improved land in Prairie Township, and with the industry that characterized him as a farmer and by his commendable business enterprise he added to his possessions until he had over 660 acres, practically all highly improved. He was also active in local affairs, a loyal democrat, and in 1851, when only twenty-five years old, was elected township trustee. He was also one of the first directors of the Lake City Bank at Warsaw. December 21, 1851, Hiram Hall married Carrie A. Powell, a daughter of John and Dorothy (Morris) Powell, natives of Ohio. Eight children were born to their marriage: Lemon, born October 2, 1853; Electa, born December 18, 1854, and died March 7, 1881; Olive, born March 3, 1856, died January 10, 1872; Albert, born October 17, 1858, a resident of Leesburg; Nettie, born November 30, 1861, a resident of Leesburg; Ella, born September 18, 1868, now deceased; John E.; and Rose, born September 1, 1875.

Mr. John E. Hall was born at the old homestead in Prairie Township, a mile and three quarters west of Leesburg, May 3, 1871. He grew up on the home farm and was educated in the common schools. On January 1, 1892, at the age of twenty-one, he married Miss Phoebe M. Cormaney. She was born in Marshall County, Indiana, February 5, 1870, daughter of S. T. and Eliza (Hite) Cormaney, the former a native of Elkhart County and the latter of Ohio. Her parents now live near Kosciusko Station in Washington Township. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have two children: George L., born March 29, 1896, a graduate of the Warsaw High School, now a farmer in South Dakota; and Iva M., born May 3, 1900, a graduate of the Warsaw High School with the class of 1918. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Warsaw and Mr. Hall is a Past Noble Grand of Leesburg Lodge, No. 432, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he votes for the man regardless of his political views.

Mr. Hall is proprietor of the Oak Grove Farm, a splendid place comprising 152 acres located three miles north of Warsaw on rural route No. 5 and eligibly situated on the Hoosier Dixie Highway. Mr. Hall is especially prominent as a breeder of Holstein cattle. He has at the head of his herd a fine bull called Jess, which is eligible to register among the thoroughbreds of that strain in America.

William H. Bixler has been successfully identified with the farming enterprise of Kosciusko County for a number of years. His home is in Tippecanoe Township, nine miles northeast of Warsaw, on rural route No. 1 out of Leesburg. Mr. Bixler's present prosperity is the result of long years of honest toil and good management. He began life with small capital, having been left an orphan when a small boy, and the prosperity he now enjoys is to be credited to the earnest and faithful work and cooperation on the part of himself and his good wife.

Mr. Bixler was born in LaGrange County, Indiana, October 14, 1868, son of Henry and Hattie (Hair) Bixler, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They were married in Ohio, and soon afterwards

came to Indiana and settled on a farm near Howe in LaGrange County. The mother died there and the father afterwards came to Kosciusko County and spent the last three years of his life in Tippecanoe Township. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in politics the father was a republican. Of the seven children, only two are now living, William H. and Emma, the latter the wife of Charles Sidner of Covington, Kentucky

William H. Bixler was six years old when he was left an orphan, and he grew up in the home of a cousin in LaGrange. He had the advantages of the district schools there, and lived in his adopted home to the age of twenty-one. He then came to Kosciusko County and on October 4, 1892, married Miss May Tenney. Mrs. Bixler was born in Tennessee and was a girl when brought to Kosciusko County by her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Bixler have two children, Fred and Mildred. Fred, who completed his education in the high schools at North Webster and Oswego, is a farmer in Tippecanoe Township, and by his marriage to Miss Biltz has two children, named Delight and Winton. The daughter, Mildred, is a graduate of the North Webster High School and is the wife of Isaac Kline. Isaac Kline is now serving in the United States Army. He and his wife have one daughter, June.

Mr. and Mrs. Bixler are active members of the Brethren church. He is affiliated with Lodge No. 192 of the Knights of Pythias at Leesburg and in politics is a republican. The good farm and home which represents the best efforts of himself and wife through many months contains 100 acres and is situated in section 19 of Tippecanoe Township.

Frank O. Richcreek. A successful agriculturist, like the man who makes a success in any other line of endeavor, must not only possess the knowledge to keep abreast of the advancement of the times but also the ability to apply this knowledge so that it will be productive of satisfying results. In Kosciusko County, where the average of intelligence and ability in farming and stock raising is more than ordinarily high, one who is contributing to this prestige is Frank O. Richcreek, proprietor of the Eden Stock Farm of 100 acres, situated in Tippecanoe Township, a mile west of North Webster. This is a property that is paying valuable returns for the labor bestowed upon it. Mr. Richcreek has a more than local reputation as a breeder of Norman horses, imported Jersey cattle and Duroc hogs. His hog sales annually attract a large number of buyers from this and other counties.

Though Mr. Richcreek has spent most of his life in Kosciusko County, he was born in Barton County, Missouri, February 8, 1872, a son of Thomas and Rebecca (Hart) Richcreek. Both parents were natives of Ohio but were married in Kosciusko County. They went out to Missouri and lived on a farm in Barton County for eleven years, returning to Kosciusko County January 13, 1879. The father, a substantial farmer, died in 1891 and his widow in 1901. He was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a republican voter without office holding aspirations. In the family were twelve

children, nine of whom are still living, three of them in Indiana: James E., a farmer at Pierceton, Indiana; Anna I., wife of Albert Menzel; Josie, wife of Thomas R. Boydston, of Chicago; Effie, wife of Michael Donavan, of Chicago; Lulu, wife of Emanuel Manier, of Detroit, Michigan; Joseph, of Argo, Illinois; Charles, of New Orleans; and Harry, of Hudson, New Jersey.

Frank O. Richcreek was seven years old when his parents returned to Kosciusko County, and here he grew up in rural environment and acquired his education in the common schools. He was also a student at North Manchester and at Winona College, and for seventeen years was one of the successful educators, having charge of several schools in Tippecanoe Township.

In 1896 he married Miss Julia A. Miller, a native of Kosciusko County and daughter of Emanuel and Nancy Miller. They are the parents of three children: Florence, born March 12, 1898, is a graduate of the North Webster High School and is now a teacher; Ruby R., born February 20, 1902, is a graduate of the common schools and of the North Webster High School with the class of 1918; and Dale O., a student in the common schools.

Mr. Richcreek is widely known as Elder Richcreek, being an elder in the Syracuse and Tippecanoe Congregation of the Church of the Brethren. He was ordained an elder in that church at the age of thirty years, and has carried many of the responsibilities of church leadership and maintenance. In politics he is a republican. Mr. Richcreek is one of the stockholders in the Farmers Bank at North Webster and for one year was vice president of the institution.

Andrew J. Smith has spent his days almost entirely in Franklin Township, and from early manhood has borne the reputation of being a successful farmer, an industrious and capable business man, and as a citizen whose loyalty and public spirit could always be relied upon. Mr. Smith is proprietor of the Burdock farm, comprising 340 acres, located 2½ miles southwest of Mentone in Franklin Township.

Mr. Smith was born in that township April 4, 1850, a son of Leonard and Mary (Heise) Smith. The parents were both born in Pennsylvania, were married there, and in 1849 located in Kosciusko County, where they spent the rest of their days. The mother was a member of the Lutheran Church. Of the family of eleven children those still living are Andrew J., George, Daniel, and Albert, the last named a resident of Michigan.

Andrew J. Smith grew up on the home farm and his early privileges in the educational line were those of the common schools. The school he attended was known as the Jaybird School. He was eleven years of age when his father died and from that time forward bore an increasing share of the responsibilities of work and management on the home farm. He lived at home until twenty-one and on October 1, 1871, married Miss Melinda C. Hipshen. Mrs. Smith was born near Palestine in this county February 25, 1851.

They are the parents of three children: Mary A., wife of David Engle; Laverne, who married Della Jeffries; and Clement, who is

married and lives in Clayton, New Mexico. Mr. Smith and family are members of the Baptist Church and keep up their interest in all current and local affairs. He is a republican voter.

ALLEN RUPLE. An honored veteran of the Civil war and a lifelong resident of Kosciusko County, Allen Ruple has made his influence and actions count for benefit to himself and his community. He represents one of the older names of Turkey Creek Township, and is owner of one of the good farms in that locality, located five miles south of Syracuse.

He was born in the township of his present residence September 16, 1844, a son of Jacob and Catherine (Funk) Ruple, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. They came to Kosciusko County in pioneer days, were married here, and spent the rest of their days as farmers. Both died on the farm now owned and occupied by their son Allen. They were very active members of the United Brethren Church, which was one of the oldest church organizations in the township, and the father followed the democratic party in his political allegiance. Of their five children only two are now living, Allen and Fred, the latter a resident of Van Buren County, Michigan.

Allen Ruple grew up on the home farm and attended some of the early district schools here. About the time he reached his majority he enlisted, in 1865, in Company B of the One Hundred and Fifty-Second Indiana Infantry and saw some active service during the closing campaigns of the war. When the war was over he returned home and for half a century has been assiduously identified with the work of agriculture in this county.

In 1870 he married Orline Starner, who was born in Ohio but lived in Kosciusko County from early girlhood. Mrs. Ruple died November 23, 1916. All their married lives they spent on the farm where Mr. Ruple owns 110 acres, all in one body and devoted it to general farming and stock raising.

He and his wife had three children: Laura, deceased; Alice, wife of Jessie Shock, of Syracuse; and Ada, who married William Mallon, and they live with Mr. Ruple. Mr. Ruple is affiliated with the Grand Army Post at Syracuse and in politics is a republican.

THOMAS JENSEN. There is no sturdier and better citizen of Kosciusko County than this native of Denmark, who came to America when a young man and by sheer force of will and industry has created for himself and family an enviable prosperity, and lives on one of the best farm homes in Turkey Creek Township, in section 34, six miles southeast of Syracuse.

Mr. Jensen was born in Denmark October 26, 1854, son of Jens Arickson and Cecil Larsen. His parents spent all their lives in Denmark. The father was a blacksmith, and later followed the business of farming. Of their nine children seven are still living. Two brothers of Mr. Jensen came to the United States, Lars, who developed a

farm near Ozark, Arkansas, and reared his family there, Andrew of Spokane, Washington.

Thomas Jensen lived in Denmark until he was nineteen years of age. He acquired a common school education and at the age of fourteen was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith's trade. When he put into practice his resolution to come to America he had to borrow money to pay his passage. His first employment here during one summer was as a workman on the Baltimore & Ohio Railway, and from his savings he sent back home the money to repay what he had borrowed. In the fall of the same year he went to work on a farm near Milford, Indiana, was there nineteen months, and then learned the miller's trade in a flour mill at Syracuse. He worked there eight years and was promoted to foreman and manager and continued the milling business altogether for twenty years.

In March, 1880, Mr. Jensen married Miss Perrilla Hendrickson. She was born and reared near Syracuse. After his marriage Mr. Jensen rented a farm on Elkhart Prairie four years, and for five years farmed along Solomon's Creek. In 1908 he acquired his present place of 105 acres, known as the Jensen Stock Farm. His chief business is raising cattle, and the quiet and efficient way in which he handles his affairs is a satisfactory explanation of his success.

Mr. Jensen is a thorough American, is a naturalized citizen, and is thoroughly in harmony with American ideals of democracy. He was formerly affiliated with and passed the chairs in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. In politics he votes as a republican. His wife is a member of the Church of God.

Six children were born to their marriage: Latone, a farmer in Elkhart County; Ladene, clerk in a general store at Syracuse; Lafern, now in the United States Army; Lamerle, who is employed by the Lightning Rod firm at Goshen; Lela M., deceased; and Marie M., at home. The son Lafern Jensen lived at home until he was nineteen years of age, acquiring a common school education, and was then employed by Sol Myers & Company at Ligonier. He went south for a time, following which he entered the service of H. L. Solomon & Company of Lima, Ohio, and left a salary of $2.500 a year with that real estate firm to enlist as a mechanic in the aviation corps of the United States Army. He is now in training at Fort Worth, Texas.

George Cox. In the course of a long and active career George Cox has solved many of the problems of the agriculturist, has met and discharged the responsibilities of good citizenship and has gained an enviable prosperity and place in his community as a resident of Tippecanoe Township.

His people were pioneers in Kosciusko County. Mr. Cox was born January 14, 1851, and his birthplace farm three quarters of a mile north of North Webster is now owned by him. It is not far from his place of residence, which is a small farm of ten acres 1½ miles southeast of North Webster and three quarters of a mile south of Yellow Banks.

His parents were Jacob and Mary A. (Mock) Cox. His father

was a native of Pennsylvania and his mother of Ohio. Jacob Cox when four years old accompanied his parents from Pennsylvania to Ohio, where he lived to the age of seventeen, and then came to Kosciusko County. Kosciusko County was at that time almost a wilderness. The family made the journey in a wagon and crossed through the Black Swamp. After a year's stay stay near North Webster Mr. Cox returned to Ohio and on coming back to Kosciusko County walked the entire distance. He was a poor man and made his living by working at monthly wages until he was about twenty-eight years old. He did much of the heavy pioneering work, such as splitting rails, grubbing stumps, as well as the usual routine of a farm. His wife, Mary A. Mock, was the daughter of Michael and Catherine Mock. She accompanied her parents to Kosciusko County when seven years old and there she grew to womanhood. After their marriage Jacob Cox located on the homestead farm three-quarters of a mile north of North Webster and cleared and improved that and made it his home the rest of his life. They had four children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: George; Lucinda, wife of Sylvester Middleton; and Franklin, who lives in Wisconsin and married Edith Fiddler.

Mr. George Cox has spent all his life in Tippecanoe Township and was educated partly in the North Webster schools and partly in the Lindamood school. As a boy he also shared in some of the hard labor of his time by splitting rails and clearing land. In September, 1876, he shot and killed the last wild deer known to have been in Kosciusko County. This occurred a quarter of a mile west of North Webster.

January 9, 1881, Mr. Cox married Miss Mary Jarrett, who was born in Turkey Creek Township of this county. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cox lived at Boydston Postoffice a year and a half, and then moved to his present farm home. In 1905 he bought the old homestead and occupied it as his residence seven years, when he returned to his present place.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox have two children: Lizzie, born June 26, 1882, spent two years in the high school at Warsaw and is now the wife of John Garber. They live on the old Albert Garber farm and have one son, Robert F., born May 22, 1913. Clinton Cox, the second child, was born February 3, 1889, and married Zeffa Baugher, daughter of William Baugher. They have one child, Dallas E., born March 15, 1916. Mrs. Cox is a member of the Church of God at North Webster. Politically Mr. Cox is a democrat.

AUSTIN BLUE. A brief inspection of the farm of Austin Blue, a mile south and a half mile west of Mentone in Franklin Township, bespeaks the enterprise of its owner and is one of the many testimonials of his good citizenship and effective service in that community, where he has spent most of his life.

Mr. Blue was trustee six years of Franklin Township. He was born in that township December 3, 1863, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Johnson) Blue. His father was born in Fayette County, Ohio, and the mother was a native of the same state. Peter Blue came to Kos-

ciusko County when six years of age, grew up here, and had only a common school education, but gained a thorough knowledge of business and practical affairs after his marriage. He was a democrat in politics and his wife was a Baptist. Of their six children Austin, Alonzo, Benjamin, James and Etta, wife of Edward Henderson, are still living. John died when about thirty-four years old.

Austin Blue grew up on his father's farm, attended the public schools, and remained at home until the age of twenty-one. On March 5, 1887, he married Nettie Sarber, daughter of Christian Sarber. She was born in Harrison Township in this county and was educated in the common schools and in the schools at Mentone. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Blue located on the farm where they now live, and for thirty years have given it the best of their energies and abilities. For a time they lived in a log house, and later Mr. Blue constructed the modern home where he now lives. They have two children: Estey Ern, a farmer at home, was educated in the common schools and married Gerne Bettleman. Delta, a graduate of high school, is the wife of A. O. Miller, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The family are members of the Methodist Church at Mentone, and Mr. Blue is one of the church trustees. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge at Mentone and he and his wife are actively identified with the Eastern Star Chapter. Another fraternity with which he is affiliated is the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Blue is a democrat, and it was on that ticket that he was elected trustee of his township. His farm comprises 120 acres, devoted to the staple crops and good live stock. He is a breeder of Poland China hogs, pure-blooded Hereford cattle, and has a fine flock of Orpington chickens.

JOHN H. MILLER is one of the well to do farming men of Kosciusko County and has reached a position in life where he can be classified as independent, though he is still doing a patriotic part as active manager of his farm in Tippecanoe Township, adjoining Yellow Bank. His farm there comprises ninety-eight acres of good land.

Mr. Miller represents one of several Miller families in Kosciusko County and his own people have been identified with the best citizenship here for more than half a century. He was born in Tippecanoe Township July 2, 1867, a son of Emanuel and Nancy (Maurer) Miller. His parents are still living. Emanuel Miller, whose home is three miles southeast of North Webster, was born in Elkhart County, Indiana, December 9, 1838, and is now in the shadow of his eightieth year His parents were John J. and Elizabeth (Crow) Miller, both natives of Ohio, where they grew up and married. John J. Miller on moving to Indiana located in Kosciusko County, northwest of Webster, but after a short time went to Elkhart County as a pioneer and was a farmer in that locality during his active life. He finally sold his farm and moved to the vicinity of New Paris, in the same county, and died there. He was an active member of the German Baptist Church. Of the twelve children of John J. Miller and wife ten are still living: Emanuel C., Catherine, Nancy, Sarah, Enos, Isaac, William, Lizzie, Louisa and Lewis.

Emanuel C. Miller grew to manhood in Elkhart County and owing to the conditions of his youth had very little opportunity to attend school. He lived at home until the age of twenty-five, when he went to Darke County, Ohio, and married there in May, 1864, Nancy Maurer. She was a native of Darke County. After their marriage they lived in that county for a year and then moved to Tippecanoe Township of Kosciusko County, which has been their home for more than half a century. Emanuel C. Miller still owns ninety-five acres, but at one time his possessions included 250 acres. He is a democrat in politics, and is a charter member of the Mock Christian Church. He was one of the trustees, his associates being Joseph Mock and Silas Huber, who erected the Christian Church where a flourishing congregation still worships. Emanuel Miller and wife have eight children: Salome, wife of Eugene Shoemaker, of Wayne Township; Levi, a farmer in Tippecanoe Township; John H.; Sarah E., wife of Charles T. Mock, of Tippecanoe Township; Samuel Miller, of North Webster, vice president of the Farmers State Bank; Charles Miller, a real estate man of Nappanee, Indiana; Julia, wife of F. O. Richcreek; and Belle, wife of Daniel C. Mock, of Tippecanoe Township.

John H. Miller grew up on his father's farm and had a common school education. He lived at home to the age of twenty-five, and after twenty-one worked out by the day and also rented land. On November 12, 1892, he married Miss Minnie Kleck. She was reared in Tippecanoe Township, a daughter of Alfred and Mahala Kleck. She attended public school at North Webster.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Miller lived on the old Dell farm, four miles northwest of North Webster, one year, then for four years occupied a place three miles south of that village, lived on the old Miller farm four years, and then bought a farm of their own, consisting of eighty acres, between Milford and Leesburg. They finally sold that place, and in 1893 came to their present home, which has been the center of their associations and labors now for a quarter of a century.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two children: Kenneth was born October 26, 1893, is a graduate of the common schools and spent one year in high school, and is still at home. Sylvia, born September 16, 1900, was educated for two years in the high school. The family are members of the Christian Church. In politics Mr. Miller is a democrat. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers State Bank at North Webster.

JAMES M. MURPHY. One of the recent additions to the good citizenship of Kosciusko County is James M. Murphy, who for many years had his home in Wabash County, but has been known among the people of Kosciusko County for a long time. Mr. Murphy owns one of the good farms of Jefferson Township, his home being six and a half miles southwest of Milford.

He was born in Noble Township of Wabash County, May 5, 1867, son of John and Anna (Judy) Murphy. His mother was a native of Ohio and his father was reared in that state in Tuscarawas County

from the age of four years. After they married both families moved to Wabash County, and John Murphy settled on a farm 2½ miles north of the City of Wabash. He began life in limited circumstances, had only eighty acres of land at first, but as his prosperity increased he accumulated 240 acres and had one of the finest farms in the county when he died. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, but later affiliated with the Presbyterian Church at Wabash, and in politics was a republican. In his family were twelve children, nine of whom are still living: Joseph F. and John P., both of Wabash; Mary, wife of Dayton O. Macey, of Miami County, Indiana; Sarah, widow of Douglas Kiser; Adaline, wife of W. A. Wildner, who occupies the old Murphy farm in Wabash County; David G., of Wabash; James M.; Charles E., of Wabash; and Emanuel B., of Wabash.

James M. Murphy grew up on the farm where he was born and attended the local schools there. For twenty-four years he combined the business of threshing with practical farming. June 16, 1889, Mr. Murphy married Miss Sarah A. Scott, daughter of Henry Scott. She was born and educated in Wabash County. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy have six children, William A., John F., Claude F., Orville Hale, Mary M. and Elizabeth O. The son Claude is now the family's representative in the United States Army, being stationed at Camp Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are members of the Church of the Brethren and in politics he is a republican. On March 9, 1916, he moved to Kosciusko County and bought the old Cook farm in Jefferson Township. He owns eighty-one acres of land there and is also cultivating 110 acres more, so that he is doing his full share in the agricultural production of the county.

Albert F. Krull. A Kosciusko County farm that represents many of the ideals in the way of cultivation, productiveness, arrangement and equipment is that of Albert F. Krull in Jefferson Township, 4½ miles southwest of Milford. Mr. Krull is a thoroughgoing farmer, one of the older residents of the county, and has proved a resourceful business man and public spirited citizen.

He was born in Union Township of Elkhart County, Indiana, January 14, 1867, and came with the family to Kosciusko County when he was about thirteen years of age.

His father, Frederick A. Krull, who died March 31, 1902, was born in the Netherlands, January 24, 1832, a son of Albert and Tena (Swarts) Krull, also natives of the Netherlands. He attended common school in his native country until sixteen, after which he worked on a farm as a day laborer. In July, 1854, he arrived in America and for four years lived in Elkhart County. In 1858 he went out to California and did farm work and also improved and cultivated 340 acres of his own. He was also a teamster and miner. After six or seven years in California he returned to Elkhart County in 1865. On March 15, 1866, he married Simkjen Rystra, daughter of B. Rystra of Elkhart County. She was born in the Netherlands, August 20, 1841. On April 30, 1880, Frederick A. Krull moved to Jefferson

Township of Kosciusko County and bought 160 acres, where he instituted that industry which eventuated in a fine farm, excellent buildings and all the comforts of a good rural home. In 1882 he was elected township supervisor and served two years. He was a prohibitionist in politics, and he and his wife were active members of the Mennonite Church. They had eight children: Albert, John, Harry, Maggie, Ane, who died in infancy, and a second child also named Ane, George and Isaac.

Albert F. Krull received his education in the district schools of Elkhart and Kosciusko counties, and after reaching manhood he spent several years in the Southwest. In the territory of New Mexico on December 25, 1897, he married Miss Mary DeArcy. She was born at LaPorte, Indiana, December 18, 1867, a daughter of Daniel and Adelia (Welch) DeArcy. When she was nine years of age her parents moved to Kansas, and she grew to womanhood there and received a district school education. When she was twenty years of age her people moved to New Mexico, and she lived there until her marriage. Daniel DeArcy was a native of Canada, while Adelia Welch was born in Ireland and came to the United States at the age of five years. She is still living. Daniel DeArcy and wife had the following children: Patrick W., Anna Mary, John E., Daniel, Adelia, Emmett and Marion.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Krull remained four years longer in New Mexico and then returned to Kosciusko County and bought 233 acres in Van Buren and Jefferson townships. Besides this extensive farm they also have 140 acres in Noble County, Indiana. Mr. Krull is a successful stock raiser, and is a practical and thorough going citizen who can always be counted upon for cooperation and assistance in any movement affecting the local welfare. He is a democrat and he and his wife are members of the Hastings Grange. Mr. and Mrs. Krull had eight children, but seven died in infancy. The only surviving child is Tina, born October 10, 1905. Mr. Krull also reared a boy, Ellis Brown, who is now in the service of his country in France, with the One Hundred and Fifty-First Indiana Infantry, Company G.

Cleanthus M. Borton is one of the most widely known farmers in the southwest quarter of Kosciusko County, being proprietor of the Walnut Ridge Farm, a half mile east of Mentone in Franklin Township. He has a large acreage under his management, and has successfully handled this place and all its related interests for forty years or more.

Mr. Borton was born in Franklin Township, April 13, 1857, son of Allen and Anna (Jeffries) Borton. Both parents were natives of Stark County, Ohio, and were brought to Kosciusko County when children. Allen Borton was a son of Ira Borton, who settled south of Mentone, lived there many years, and spent his last days at the Village of Sevastopol. Allen Borton grew up in Franklin Township, and after his marriage located on the farm a half mile east of Mentone. He died there in 1864, when a young man. He built the first and only

Jacob Slife and Wife

shingle factory here, located on the farm where Mr. C. M. Borton now lives. His widow is still living, and is an active and attentive member of the Baptist Church. Of their four children, two sons are living: Wellington, of Franklin Township, and Cleanthus M.

Cleanthus M. Borton grew up on the home farm, was educated in the district schools, and has always had a part in the management of the old farm. In November, 1884, he married Miss Alice Garwood. She was born and reared in Harrison Township. After his marriage Mr. Borton bought the old farm, built a good house, and has lived there in comfort and plenty for many years.

He and his wife have three children. Charles G. lives in Franklin Township and married Daisy Black. Ethel, now deceased, was the wife of Dennis Andrews, and her three children were Charles, Alta and Wilma. Wilma, since her mother's death, has been reared by her grandparents. Allen O. is a graduate of the common schools and is now attending the Mentone High School. The family are members of the Methodist Church and Mr. Borton is on the official board. He has served as a member of the Township Advisory Board, is a republican and is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America.

Jacob Slife. An honored citizen whose life has been identified with Kosciusko County for many years, and always with usefulness to the community as well as to himself, is Jacob Slife, now living retired in a comfortable home at Burket.

Mr. Slife was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, August 10, 1838, a son of Frederick and Christina (Byerley) Slife. His parents were natives of the same county and state, married there, and all their children were born in Pennsylvania. In 1851 they came to Indiana. In Pennsylvania the father had been a renter, and with the modest capital he had managed to accumulate invested in eighty acres of land two miles east of Burket. To this he subsequently added another eighty acres, and was well prospered and became one of the substantial citizens of the county. He and his wife were active in the Lutheran Church, and he was a democrat. Of the eight children, three died in Pennsylvania and five came to Indiana. The only two living now are Geroge W., a Seward Township farmer, and Jacob.

Jacob Slife was a young lad when his parents came to this county and he finished his education in the local public schools. He attended one of the old log schoolhouses of the county At the age of twenty-one he inherited a modest share in the family estate, and lived at home with his parents until he was twenty-eight. In March, 1865, he married Catherine Raker, who was born in Kosciusko County January 24, 1842. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Slife began renting, and after six years they bought forty acres, sold that and bought eighty acres, and that in turn they also sold and acquired a larger place of 160 acres. For two years they had their home at Burket, and then Mr. Slife bought ninety-three acres north

of that village and to it gave his personal superintendence for another five years. After that he sold his farming property and has since been content with one of the comfortable homes of Burkett. He lost his good wife July 14, 1918, after they had been married more than half a century. Mr. Slife reared two boys. In politics he is a democrat.

ORA G. TUCKER. The Tuckers came to Franklin Township sixty-five years ago. In all the time since then no name has been more substantially identified with the farming. land owning and attendant activities and pursuits in that quarter of the county.

The founder of the family in Franklin Township was John Tucker, who was born in New Hampshire in 1791. He married Mary Ward, who was born in 1800. John Tucker went to Richland County, Ohio, in 1815. He was one of the first settlers in that part of the state. Three years later he returned to his native state and married, and in 1818 brought his bride to Ohio. John Tucker was a man of fine education, and after a few other families had joined him in his pioneer community in Richland County he opened a school and for sixty-five consecutive terms was a teacher. On coming to Kosciusko County in 1853 he acquired land, and was the original owner of the land now occupied by the Village of Sevastopol in Franklin Township. The town was surveyed and was named by him. At that time the Crimean war was in progress in Southern Russia, and the Battle of Sevastopol was the most conspicuous event in foreign lands. John Tucker also developed a fine apple orchard from seed of his own planting. He died in 1879 and his wife in 1877. One of his children was Horace Tucker and another is Albert Tucker, who is still living in this county.

Albert Tucker was born in Richland County, Ohio, February 21, 1831. Since early youth he has been noted for his unusual business ability and enterprise. Before he was fifty years old he had accumulated 2,500 acres of land, nearly all of it in Kosciusko County. He also founded the Village of Mentone, which was surveyed and platted in May, 1882. He built the first elevator there in the spring of that year, and used his capital and influence to promote its growth and development in many ways. On his extensive acreage he raised and bred innumerable cattle, hogs and horses, and at one time he was said to be the largest dealer on his own capital in live stock in the county. He always possessed a keen knowledge of men, and he aided many with loans and with other forms of helpfulness, and never had to foreclose a mortgage. At one time it was said that he had given employment to more men and paid out more money for labor than any farmer in Franklin Township.

In 1856 Albert Tucker married Mary E. Frame, who died leaving one daughter, Alta M. In 1860 Albert Tucker married Miss Sarah Blue, of Franklin Township. She and her only son, John R., are both deceased. On January 14, 1866, Alfred Tucker married Miss Catherine McNeal, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth McNeal. To this union were born six children: Norman, born in 1868, now living in Lake Township; Charles M.; Lee, born in 1874, deceased; Curtis,

born in 1877, deceased; Nellie, born September 16, 1880, deceased; and Ora G.

Ora G. Tucker is one of the prosperous farmers of Franklin Township and has much of the ability and business judgment of his father. He was born in Franklin Township, March 29, 1883, grew up on his father's farm, and had a good education in the local schools. He is now farming 320 acres in sections 22 and 23, and gives much attention to good live stock.

In 1900 he married Miss Nora Sarber, daughter of Orville Sarber. She was born in Kosciusko County. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker have four children: Norman R., born March 17, 1905; Winifred K., born August 16, 1909; Lillie Irene, born January 18, 1912; and Albert M., born July 31, 1914. Mr. Tucker is an extensive stock dealer and has probably made most of his money in that way. In politics he is a republican.

CHARLES J. SHUDER. Some of the heaviest burdens of producing the foodstuffs for the world at the present time fall upon men who are comparatively young and yet past the normal military age. One of these men in Kosciusko County is Charles J. Shuder, who has been engaged in farming here all his active career and now has one of the good farms in Tippecanoe Township, located 4½ miles east of Leesburg on rural route No. 1 out of that city.

Mr. Shuder was born in Tippecanoe Township, September 16, 1883. His parents were Isaac and Nancy J. (Lavering) Shuder, the former born near Dayton, Ohio, and the latter in Kosciusko County. The father is deceased and the mother is still living. Her home is in Tippecanoe Township. Isaac Shuder was a democrat in politics. There were the following children in the family: Henry, of Tippecanoe; Minnie, wife of Harry Larabee; George, of Tippecanoe Township; Charles J.; Elsie, wife of Charles Wiseman, of Tippecanoe Township; Mabel, wife of Everett Leedy, of Plain Township; and Ezra and Cleveland, both unmarried and at home.

Charles J. Shuder grew up on the old farm, and was educated in the common schools to the age of thirteen. After that he busied himself with the responsibilities of the home place until he was twenty-one.

In 1904 Mr. Shuder married Dessie Whissler. At her death she left one child, Audrie G., now twelve years old. On October 12, 1912, Mr. Shuder married Miss Ina M. Kitson. Mrs. Shuder was born in Northeastern Kosciusko County, in Turkey Creek Township, July 26, 1880, a daughter of Milton and Margaret J. (Hire) Kitson. Her father was born in Preble County, Ohio, April 11, 1852, and died August 22, 1914. Her mother was born in Elkhart County, Indiana, December 18, 1857. Her father went with his parents to Elkhart County in 1861, and on September 11, 1878, was married, and then moved to Turkey Creek Township. Mrs. Shuder's mother died June 16, 1907. She was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Richville. Her father was a democrat and served one term as assessor of Turkey Creek Township. In the family were four chil-

dren: Ina M., Mrs. Shuder; Harry E., who married Macy B. Miller and lives in Whitley County, Indiana; Lucy C., wife of Carl Earnhart and a graduate of the Syracuse High School and now living in Kosciusko County; and Floyd J., who lives in Whitley County and married Eva Hibschman. Mrs. Shuder was educated in the public schools of Turkey Creek Township. The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Shuder are: Milton H., born March 28, 1914; Neva M., born July 22, 1915; and Wilma J., born February 23, 1918

The operations carried on by Mr. Shuder as a practical farmer are on his home place of about seventy-one acres. After his marriage he lived in Turkey Creek Township for a time and also in Elkhart County but then returned to his present location. In politics Mr. Shuder is independent and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JACOB D. RICHER, M. D. No member of the medical profession has exhibited higher qualifications for his work and has acquired a better practice in Kosciusko County during the past twenty years than Dr. Jacob D. Richer. Doctor Richer represents the Homeopathic school of medicine, and has had a career of self-help and of intense effort and ambition since early boyhood.

He was born on a farm near Peru, Indiana, February 5, 1867. He was one of a family of six children, four of whom are still living, whose parents were John C. and Sarah E. (Miller) Richer. Doctor Richer's grandfather was John Richer, a native of Switzerland. In immigrating to America, and while on board a sailing ship he met a French woman, Magdalena Noftsinger. They were married soon after their arrival in this country. John Richer was a farmer, but also taught school, and he located in Miami County, Indiana, in 1848, and spent the rest of his days there as a substantial citizen. John C. Richer, his son, has been a farmer all his active career and now lives at North Manchester in Wabash County. On the home farm of his parents Dr. Jacob D. Richer was reared to manhood, and his principal advantages when a boy were afforded by the district schools. When sixteen years of age he took the county school examination and began teaching in the rural districts. From his savings he was able to attend the National Normal University of Lebanon, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1889. All told he taught nine years in Miami County. After graduating he attended the Northern Indiana Normal School and also the McPherson College at McPherson, Kansas.

Thus it was by hard work and much self denial that Doctor Richer acquired the means necessary to his professional education. In 1893 he entered the Hahnemann Medical College at Chicago, and remained a student there until he graduated M. D. in 1896. Soon after graduating he located at Warsaw and has lived there now for twenty years, looking after a growing practice and each year enjoying a rising esteem in the estimation of his fellow citizens and his professional associates. Dr. Richer is a member of the American and Indiana Institutes of Homeopathy, and fraternally is identified with

the Knights of the Maccabees and the Knights of Pythias. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church.

On September 18, 1890, he married Miss Cora L. Wilson, a daughter of Harmon H. Wilson, of Peru, Indiana. To their marriage have been born five children: Dr. Orville H., a graduate of Winona College and Hahnemann College, joined the army and is in Siberia in Government service; Paul W., in the Coast Artillery service; and Cecil O., a graduate of the Indiana Dental College and now practicing in Gary, Indiana. Two others that died in infancy were named Ruth and Iva May.

ALBERT GARBER has for many years been one of the factors in business and agricultural affairs in Tippecanoe Township. He has been a farmer, a merchant, and while he still owns other interests in that community is now president of the Farmers State Bank at North Webster. He was one of the substantial local citizens who organized this bank in 1916. It was opened for business in August, 1916, and Mr. Garber has from the first been its president. The other officers are: Samuel Miller, vice president, and James E. Rule, cashier. The directors, all representing the substantial citizenship of the locality, are in addition to Mr. Garber and Mr. Miller, Arthur Johnson, Grant Bause, A. B. Warner, Joseph Weimer, John Bauher and Randolph Allison. The bank was organized with a capital stock of $25,000.00 and its management has been conservative and at the same time has done much to promote every worthy business object in and around North Webster.

Mr. Garber was born in Tippecanoe Township, February 6, 1864, son of Samuel W. and Polly (White) Garber. His father was a native of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and his mother of Pennsylvania. The Whites and Garbers came to Indiana in early days. After their marriage Samuel W. Garber and wife located on a farm in Tippecanoe Township and were honored residents of that locality the rest of their lives. They were members of the Christian Church. Samuel Garber was a member and past chancellor of his Masonic Lodge and is a republican and has served as justice of the peace. There were eleven children in their family. Daniel, proprietor of the Twin Lake Canning Factory of North Webster; Mary, wife of Milo Strombeck, a former trustee of Tippecanoe Township now living at North Webster; Jefferson, who is postmaster of North Webster; Albert; Clementine, wife of George M. Humble; Commodore, whose home is in Washington Township of this county; Emma, wife of Silas Cook; Jacob, of Huntington, Indiana; Barbara, wife of Charles Gandy; Leaner, of Tippecanoe Township; and John, also a resident of Tippecanoe.

Albert Garber grew up on his father's farm and with a district school education acquired a thorough familiarity with the practices of agriculture when a youth. He farmed independently for a year and then joined his brother Jefferson in business at Noblesville, Indiana, under the firm name of Garber Brothers. After six years they sold out and came to North Webster, where they bought a store. Albert Garber was a member of the firm for about ten years and on

selling out moved to a farm in Tippecanoe Township, and was one of the practical agriculturists of the locality for nine years. For several years now he and his family have had their home in North Webster. Mr. Garber owns 160 acres of land in sections 25 and 26 of the township.

He married Miss Minnie Hire, who was born in Elkhart County, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Garber have one son, Avery, a graduate of high school and later a student at Winona, and is now clerk and deputy postmaster at North Webster. Mrs. Garber is a member of the Church of God at North Webster. Fraternally Mr. Garber is affiliated with North Webster Lodge No. 367, Knights of Pythias, and is a republican voter, never having had any aspirations for office.

CHARLES S. YEAGER. One of the farm homes that include good management and prosperity to owners and occupants is that of Charles S. Yeager in Scott Township, 6½ miles southeast of Nappanee. Mr. Yeager has seventy acres of the old homestead, and is one of the live and progressive citizens of that locality.

He was born in Tippecanoe Township of this county February 14, 1856, a son of Andrew and Clarissa (Hull) Yeager. His father was a native of Canada and his mother of Ohio. They married in Kosciusko County and from Tippecanoe Township they finally moved to section 30 of Scott Township, where the wife and mother died. The father was married a second time, and spent his last years at Nappanee. He was a very active member of the Church of God and a republican, having held several township offices. Of his eleven children, seven are still living: Charles S.; Annis, wife of Daniel Martin, of Prairie Township; Ida, wife of Jacob Thomas, of Scott Township; Rose, wife of Hiram Zinn, of Etna Township; Orvil S. and Orlando, twins, the former a resident of Jefferson Township and its trustee, and the latter deceased; Clementine, deceased; Eva, wife of Alfred Minor, of Etna; and Leonard, of Plain Township.

Mr. Charles S. Yeager grew to manhood in Tippecanoe Township, and attended district schools there. After reaching the age of twenty-one he became manager of the homestead and gradually acquired those interests and properties which now constitute his prosperity.

April 8, 1883, he married Eliza Thomas, who was born in Scott Township, May 29, 1864. They have six children: Minnie, wife of Orville Lutz; Clayton, who is married and lives at Nappanee; Versa, wife of Merle Freeman, of Prairie Township; Victor, unmarried; Burten, who married Lodema Miller; and Thela, a graduate of the common schools. The family are members of the Church of God, while Mr. Yeager is one of its elders. He is a republican in politics.

JOHN A. BAUGHER. This name is well known in Tippecanoe Township as representing one of the leading farmers of that locality, a banker, and a man of generous interests and inclinations as a citizen and an upbuilder of his community.

Mr. Bauger was born in Tippecanoe Township, May 24, 1857, and his life from birth to the present has been spent in practically one

locality. His present home farm is 1¼ miles southwest of North Webster. His parents, Charles and Henrietta (Gigeler) Baugher, were both natives of Germany. His father was born in Bavaria June 24, 1829, and his mother on September 23, 1823. Charles Baugher came to the United States with his parents when he was eighteen years old. They landed in New York City, went on to Ohio, and in 1848 settled at North Webster, where the Baughers were pioneers and where the name has been known and honored now for seventy years. The mother arrived in the vicinity of North Webster in 1847, and here Charles and Henrietta lived until their marriage and then located for a time in the Village of North Webster, later three miles northeast of the village, and from there moved to the farm where they spent their last years. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in politics the father was a democrat. A brief record of their seven children is as follows: Jacob, deceased; Matilda, deceased; John A.; William F., of Turkey Creek Township; Christ H., of Kansas; Louise and Henry, both deceased.

John A. Baugher as a boy attended the common schools of his home locality, and he lived with his parents until twenty-two He married Miss Clara Gross. At her death she left three children, Mary, Jessie and Charles, all unmarried and still living at home. For his second wife Mr. Baugher married Celia J. See, a native of Virginia, but since early infancy a resident of Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Baugher have one child, Kenneth W., who is a graduate of the common schools and is a farmer in Tippecanoe Township. Kenneth married Hattie Reed.

As a business man Mr. Baugher's interests are represented by the ownership of the 120 acres where he lives and also forty acres comprising the well known fishing resort known as Tippecanoe Park. He is one of the directors of the Farmers State Bank at North Webster and in every sense is one of the substantial men of his community. He is a trustee and member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church at North Webster.

Calvin W. Burket, M. D. Fully half a century of active practice in medicine in Kosciusko County has made Doctor Burket the dean of his profession, and he enjoys that rank not only by reason of the many years he has spent here but also for his ability and success as a practitioner. His service has been commensurate with the length of years in practice, and among the wide circle of his patients he has been both a friend and a physician. The doctor is a man of gentle manner in all his dealings, and these qualities, together with an expert knowledge and skill in medicine, have combined to win him the strong and enduring affection of hundreds of families in this county.

An Indiana man by birth, he was born at Hagerstown in Wayne County, December 13, 1838. His parents were Samuel and Hannah (Bishop) Burket, and of their seven children only three now live. The ancestors came originally from Germany, probably in the colonial epoch, and the name when first introduced in America was spelled Burkhardt, but in the course of many years has been simplified to its

present form. Samuel Burket, father of Doctor Burket, was born in Ohio and came with his father to Wayne County, Indiana. Grandfather Burket built one of the first grist mills in that county and operated it for the benefit of the early settlers a number of years.

As a boy and youth in Hagerstown Mr. Burket had such advantages and experiences as were common to Indiana boys during the '40s and '50s. He had passed his majority when he took up the study of medicine with Dr. Calvin West at Hagerstown, and during the winter of 1860-61 took his first course of lectures in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. This career as a student was interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil war. Doctor Burket has an interesting record as a soldier during the great conflict between the North and the South, and he was a unit in those great armies which swept the heart of the Confederacy in the years 1863-64. He responded almost at the first call for volunteers, and enlisted in April, 1861, in a three months regiment. He was a member of Company I of the noted Eleventh Indiana Infantry, a regiment commanded by General Lew Wallace. The only engagement in which he participated during that three months' term was a skirmish at Romney, Virginia. When he was discharged it was with the rank of orderly sergeant. He almost immediately re-enlisted in Company I of the Fifty-Seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and on its organization was commissioned first lieutenant. He went with the command from Indianapolis to Louisville, Kentucky, from there marched through Kentucky to Nashville, Tennessee, and joined Grant's army in time to participate in the great Battle of Shiloh. Then followed the siege of Corinth, and after that Buell's movements through Nashville and South Kentucky in the pursuit of General Bragg. He was with the Union forces at Stone River, and there suffered a severe scalp wound from an exploded shell. However, he never left the regiment, but continued with it and took part in the battle of Perryville, went on to Chattanooga, was engaged in some of the important movements of the campaigns around that city, and fought in the picturesque engagement on Lookout Mountain. Following this he was sent home on recruiting duty, and while he was away his regiment fought in the battle of Chickamauga. He rejoined it in time to help lead in the historic charge at Missionary Ridge. Then followed the great Atlanta campaign, lasting more than three months, and before the fall of Atlanta he was sent home and no hopes were held out for his recovery from the severe illness from which he was suffering. In July, 1864, he resigned his command and was granted an honorable discharge. In 1862 he had been commissioned captain of his company while at Nashville.

In spite of predictions to the contrary Captain Burket recovered his health and during the winter of 1864-65 resumed his medical studies in the University of Michigan. In 1865-66 he attended the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, which at the conclusion of his term awarded him the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In 1866 he opened his office and began practice at Warsaw. That has been his home and the center from which have radiated his service and influence as a physician and citizen for a period of half a century. There

is no physician now living in Kosciusko County who has more interesting reminiscences connected with the life of the people and the changes which he has witnessed in his own profession than Doctor Burket.

In politics he is a republican whose loyalty has been a steadfast quality ever since he bore arms to preserve the Union in the dark and stormy days of the '60s. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and belongs to the Masonic Order. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1867, soon after beginning his active practice, Doctor Burket married Miss Martha Elmer. To their union were born five children: Frank, who died at the age of sixteen; Willard, a dentist at Warsaw; Ernest and Edith, twins, the former a dentist at Fort Wayne and the latter the wife of Edward Kuhn, of Warsaw; and Milton, who died at the age of twelve years.

William Stackhouse, whose death occurred September 12, 1918, was an honored veteran of the Civil war and represented a family that has been identified with Kosciusko County for a long period of years, and have given their best efforts and enterprise as a contribution to the good citizenship and substantial activities of this community. Mr. Stackhouse owned a large farm, valuable land, well improved buildings, and gave it capable management. The farm is in Scott Township, about six miles south and a quarter mile east of Nappanee.

Though a resident of Kosciusko County from infancy he was born in England June 10, 1843, a son of John and Hannah (Ellison) Stackhouse. His parents in 1846, three years after his birth, came to America and in the fall of the same year located in Scott Township where they were numbered among the pioneers. Here they lived their good and useful lives, and both were identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, while the father was a republican in politics. In their family were fifteen children, two of whom are still living: Hugh, who lives on the old homestead in Scott Township; and Wesley, of Scott Township.

William Stackhouse grew up in Kosciusko County and his education was partly a product of the subscription schools and partly of the public schools. Before he was yet twenty-one years of age, on January 1, 1864, he enlisted in Company K of the 74th Indiana Infantry, and was with that command during its marching and campaigning until the end of the war. He was with Sherman in the great campaign leading up to the siege and fall of Atlanta, and knows full well the dangers and hardships of a soldier's life.

After the war he returned home and went to farming. He married Anna Teal, who died in 1873, her only child dying in infancy. On May 7, 1874, Mr. Stackhouse married Eliza Martin. She was born in Kosciusko County, daughter of John Martin. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Stackhouse went to housekeeping on the farm where they afterward resided. Here they have prospered in material circumstances and at the same time reared a family of children, seven

in number: Della is the wife of Ora Anglin, of Scott Township; Etta is the wife of Zeb Doty; Rosa is the wife of William Harrison; Cora married Clayton Harlan; Owen lives on the home farm and married Cleo Utter; Urshel and Hazel, the youngest children, are both graduates of the common school and Hershel is a graduate of high school and is a farmer. Hazel is the wife of Harvey Moore. The family are members of the Christian Church and Mr. Stackhouse was a republican voter.

ORLANDO F. GERARD has sustained a very prominent part in the business and civic interests of North Webster, one of the oldest towns in Kosciusko County. He is now giving practically all his time to his duties as trustee of Tippecanoe Township.

Mr. Gerard was born in that township March 26, 1859, son of Isaac and Louisa (Kirkpatrick) Gerard. His father was a native of Stark County, Ohio, and his mother of Kosciusko County, Indiana. Grandfather Abner Gerard after his marriage located in Stark County, Ohio, and from there came to Indiana and located near North Webster, where he had his home until his death. Isaac Gerard was about twenty years old when the family came to this county. He was married here and they then located on a farm in Harrison Township. His wife died five years later, and he continued to live in Harrison Township until 1877, when he moved to Tippecanoe Township and remained a resident of that locality until his death. He and his first wife had five children, four of whom are still living: Orlando F.; Melissa, twin sister of Orlando and widow of O. E. Little; M. C., of South Whitley, Indiana; and William E., of North Manchester. The father by a second marriage had a son, M. M. Gerard, now deceased.

Orlando F. Gerard grew up on his father's farm in Harrison Township and had a district school education. At the age of twenty-one he began working for wages and on August 12, 1880, married Lavina Mock. Mrs. Gerard was born in Tippecanoe Township, June 7, 1860, daughter of John Mock. Without children of their own, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard adopted a daughter, Bertha Gerard, who is now the wife of Amsy Hamman, of North Webster.

Mr. Gerard has always been a sturdy republican in his political affiliations. The confidence felt in him by his fellow citizens is well indicated by the fact that he served as postmaster of North Webster during the administrations of Cleveland, Harrison and the second administration of Cleveland, altogether a consecutive period of ten years. In 1891 he entered business with his brother-in-law, John Mock, of North Webster, and they were associated under the firm name of Mock & Gerard until 1897. Mr Gerard then sold his interests, and for a time was again postmaster. Later he was manager of the Mock General Store for eleven years and practically retired from business at the time of his election to the office of township trustee. The citizens of Tippecanoe Township feel that the school and other affairs of their locality were never in better hands than when entrusted to Mr. Gerard.

ISAIAH KUHN, a native son of Kosciusko County, long identified with the agricultural enterprise of this section, has directed his efforts to such good purpose and now when far from being an old man he is able to retire and enjoy the comforts of a good town home at North Webster.

Mr. Kuhn was born in Tippecanoe Township, May 3, 1850, son of John and Susan (Mock) Kuhn. His father was a native of Germany and his mother of Pennsylvania. John Kuhn came to the United States when a young man, and lived successively in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and in the fall of 1849 brought his family to Indiana and settled near North Webster, buying a farm a mile from that village. Here he spent the rest of his days. He was an active member of the Dunkard Church. The death of this early settler occurred in 1860. He and his wife had thirteen children, seven of whom are still living: John, Isaac, George, Julia, widow of Eli Hamman, Josiah, Daniel and Isaiah. The oldest, John, is living in Tippecanoe Township at the age of ninety-two.

Isaiah Kuhn spent his boyhood days in his native township and had the advantages of the local schools there. He lived at home to the age of twenty-one. On February 7, 1875, he married Selma Young. Mrs. Kuhn was born in Ohio in 1854. After their marriage they lived at Melford a year, and then returning to Tippecanoe Township bought the old homestead of fifty-three acres. Mr. Kuhn added to this until he had an excellent farm of ninety acres, but in 1911 he sold out and moved to North Webster. He is still a farm owner, having a place of fifty-one acres a mile north of town.

Mr. Kuhn has always affiliated with the republican party. He and his wife had four children: Lena, the oldest, is a graduate of common and high schools and is now a teacher in the primary department of the North Webster school, of which her husband, Professor Warren Wilcox, is superintendent. The second child, Chloe, lost her life by drowning. Ada is a graduate of the common schools and is the wife of Jack Buttz, of Angola, Indiana. Professor Ray Kuhn is a man of thorough education and is superintendent of the Pierceton schools.

DANIEL M. GARBER. Much of Kosciusko county's rank and importance as a fruit growing section in a commercial way is due to the enterprise of Daniel M. Garber, one of the most successful horticulturists of the county and founder and manager of the Twin Lakes Canning Company, an institution that is doing much to preserve the fruit products not only of his own farm but of the surrounding section.

Mr. Garber represents one of the very old and prominent families of the county. He was born in Tippecanoe Township April 16, 1860, son of Samuel W. and Polly A. (White) Garber. His grandfather, Jacob Garber, was a native of Pennsylvania. After moving to Ohio he married Barbara Mock. They became early settlers of Kosciusko County, where they spent their last years. Their children were named Julia, Samuel, Jacob, Catherine, Allen, Henry and Mary. Of these Jacob, Catherine and Mary are still living.

Samuel W. Garber was born August 24, 1832, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, near Bolivar. His wife was born July 9, 1837. They married in Kosciusko County and lived here the rest of their days. The father died February 19, 1888, and his wife November 24, 1885. To their marriage were born twelve children: George W., born March 18, 1858, and died December 1, 1860; Daniel M., born April 16, 1860; Mary J., born July 6, 1861; Thomas J., born December 22, 1862; Albert, born February 6, 1864; Clementione, born May 15, 1865; Commodore, born March 20, 1866; Emma F., born November 10, 1668; Jacob, born September 30, 1871; Barbara E., born July 29, 1873; Leander, born September 2, 1875; and John H., born May 17, 1877. Eleven of this large family are still living.

Daniel M. Garber grew up on his father's farm in Tippecanoe Township and had the advantages of the district schools. On September 20, 1880, he married Miss Eliza E. Reed, who was born December 11, 1856. After their marriage they began housekeeping in the same township where they had grown up, and they occupied the old homestead farm until 1903. Mr. Garber has always given more or less attention to the propagation of small fruits, and his farm at present is largely devoted to horticultural crops. Some years ago he established the Twin Lakes Canning factory, and that is now a successful corporation under the name D. M. Garber & Sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Garber have children: Frances, a graduate of the common schools and wife of Allen C. Long, living near Wheelock, North Dakota; Charles J., whose home is with his father and who is an active business associate with him, married Truly Smith; Letitia, wife of Charles L. Miller, their home being near Oak Grove Church in Tippecanoe Township; Samuel M., a resident of Tippecanoe Township; Mary, a graduate of the common schools, had one year of high school work.

The family are members of the Christian Church at North Webster. Mr. Garber has long been prominent as a leader in local republican politics, served two terms as trustee of Tippecanoe Township and for thirty years was a member of the County Central Committee. He is also well known fraternally, being a past master and member of the Grand Lodge of Hacker Lodge No. 321, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, a past chancellor of North Webster Lodge No. 367, Knights of Pythias, and has sat in the Grand Lodge; and has filled several chairs in the Knights of the Maccabees.

James C. Jarrett. Some of the oldest names and some of the best people of Kosciusko County are represented by Mr. James C. Jarrett and family. Mr. Jarrett is himself a citizen whose work and character have brought him enviable prominence and has lived practically all his life in Kosciusko County. He is a soldier of the great Civil war, and in many ways his works and influence have justified his presence and the honor paid him by his fellow citizens.

Mr. Jarrett, who lives on his farm three-quarters of a mile west of North Webster, was born in Tippecanoe Township on the east side of Webster Lake, June 17, 1848, son of Doctor Jonas and Julia (John-

son) Jarrett. His father was a native of Kanawha County, Virginia, and on coming to Kosciusko County located on the bank of Webster Lake as a pioneer. He studied medicine principally at Cincinnati, and began his practice at Boydson Mills, now Yohn's Mills. He was in professional work there for ten years, and then moved to North Webster, where he continued serving a large clientele until his death in 1887.

He married in this county Julia Johnson, who was born in Virginia. Her father, Benjamin Johnson, came from Virginia on foot to Kosciusko County, and was one of the arrivals here in 1835. He built his log cabin near the outlet of Webster Lake in the same year. Mrs. Jarrett came with her father to Kosciusko County when she was a small girl. Doctor and Mrs. Jarrett had four children: Emily, wife of Captain B. F. James, of Warsaw; John W., who married Elizabeth Mock and now lives in Kansas; James C.; Lucinda, wife of Eli Marks of Kelso, Washington.

James C. Jarrett as a boy attended some of the primitive public schools of Tippecanoe Township. He lived at home until he was twenty-two years of age, and on October 14, 1870, married Chloe J. Warner.

Mrs. Jarrett is also member of a prominent family. She is a daughter of Thomas K. and Hester A. (Benford) Warner. Her father was born near Cincinnati in Hamilton County, Ohio, son of Henry Warner, who arrived in Tippecanoe Township of Kosciusko County in 1836. His location and the scene of his industrious efforts as a pioneer was in section 9 of that township. His son, Thomas K. Warner, came the same year, and it was the distinction of this son to teach the first school in Tippecanoe Township during the winter of 1838-39. After that he taught many terms, and was one of the best educated men of the county in the early days. Thomas K. Warner and wife had the following children: Hershel J., who gave up his life as a sacrifice to the Union at Murfreesboro while with the Thirtieth Indiana Infantry; Chloe J., wife of Mr. Jarrett; Albert; Mary E., wife of Silas Kettering; Sarah A., wife of John A. Kettering; Alice, wife of Sylvester Humble, of Wisconsin; and William, of Tippecanoe Township.

Mrs. Jarrett grew up on the farm where she was born and had a good education in the country schools. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett lived for fourteen years at North Webster; where they engaged in farming, and from there moved to their present place where they own forty acres of good land.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett, three of whom died in infancy. Of the two living, B. J. Jarrett is now in business at Renssalaer, Indiana, and married Mollie Abshire. The younger child, Sadie, is the wife of Wesley Weimer, and they have their home on the east bank of Webster Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett besides their two living children have eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They are active members of the Methodist church and Mrs. Jarrett has been connected with that church since 1862.

The soldier record of Mr. Jarrett was made during the middle

period of the Civil war. In July, 1863, he enlisted in Company G of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Indiana Infantry, and served until mustered out on March 25, 1864. He then reenlisted in Company G, Thirty-Eighth Indiana Infantry, and saw active service until the close of hostilities. He is a member of the Grand Army Post at Warsaw, and has always been a decided republican in politics, though never an aspirant for any political office. Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett have three grandsons in the United States service, one in the navy and two in the motor truck service.

JOHN ESTEP has lived in Kosciusko County nearly half a century, assisted when a boy in clearing up some of the primeval woods and making the land suitable for cultivation, and for a number of years owned one of the good farms in Scott Township, where he is rated as one of the most prosperous farmers.

Mr. Estep was born in Rockingham, Virginia, June 15, 1851, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Tussing) Estep, both natives of Shenandoah County, Virginia. Samuel Estep had some distinctly hostile views to the institution of slavery and secession, and it was to avoid conscripted service into the Confederate army that he left the South and went to Ohio and later came to Kosciusko County. He and his wife died in Jefferson Township, and he was always a loyal republican in politics from the formation of that party. There were nine children, and eight are still living: William, deceased; Rachel, widow of Washington Price; Amos, of Virginia; Josiah, of Leesburg, Indiana; John; Henry; Lydia, widow of George Grinder; Sarah, wife of Rufus Leist; and Elizabeth, widow of George Cummings.

John Estep was about twenty-two years of age when he came to Kosciusko County, and he acquired his early schooling in Ohio. He learned the value of industry as a means of self advancement, and gave his father his wages until he was twenty-one. He then worked by the month and has earned all the prosperity represented in his good farm of 120 acres which he owns today.

He married Sophronia Harlan, who died leaving two sons: Walter H. and William L. Walter married Bessie Shively. For his second wife Mr. Estep married Lida Huffman, who died in 1910. Mr. Estep is a member of the Church of God and is a republican in politics.

CHARLES A. WILLIAMSON. Among the class to which Kosciusko County must look for its future development along agricultural lines is found Charles A. Williamson, whose well-developed property is located in the vicinity of Burkett. With the exception of four years his entire life has been passed in this county, where he has devoted his energies and abilities to the cultivation of the soil, and at the same time has established himself in the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens, who, in recognition of his sterling qualities of character, have elected him to positions of public trust.

Mr. Williamson was born in Kosciusko County, February 20, 1875, and is a son of John H. and Sarah Ann (Byers) Williamson. His paternal grandfather, John Conley Williamson, was born in Virginia

(now West Virginia), and was an early settler of Miami County, Indiana, where he took up land from the United States Government, and there followed farming and stock raising with success for many years. In the evening of life he came to Kosciusko County, but eventually went to Mississippi, where his death occurred, his body being brought back to this county for interment. One of his sons, Taylor Williamson, represented the family as an upholder of the Union during the Civil war, in which he fought as a member of an Indiana volunteer infantry regiment. John H. Williamson, father of Charles A., was born in 1852, in Miami County, Indiana, was reared as a farmer, a vocation which he adopted when he embarked on his own career, and after reaching his majority came to Kosciusko County. Here he settled on a farm in Seward Township, where he continued operations until his death, April 30, 1903, at which time he was the owner of 160 acres of good land, the improvements on which made it one of the best farms of its size in this part of the county. This was accumulated solely through his own labor, as he received no outside assistance and had only ordinary advantages in his youth. He was known as one of the sound and reliable men of his community who lent his aid to every movement that promised advancement and was an active factor in the development of Seward Township. He was a republican in his political views, but his activities in this direction were largely confined to the interest taken by a good citizen with the welfare of his locality at heart. Mr. Williamson was married in Kosciusko County to Miss Sarah Ann Byers, who was born in this county in 1856, the daughter of Jacob Byers, who was born in Johnson County, Indiana, and came at an early date to Kosciusko County, where his death occurred after a long and uniformly successful career as a farmer. Mrs. Williamson, who was educated in the public schools, died May 30, 1911, in the faith of the United Brethren Church, of which she had been a member since girlhood. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson became the parents of nine children, of whom five are living, as follows: Early Conley, who is engaged in farming in Kosciusko County; Ernest, who is also an agriculturist of this county; Jennie E., who is the wife of David Bruner, also a farmer of this county; Benjamin Franklin, who farms in this county; and Charles A., of this notice. Benjamin F. Williamson is also employed as an operator for the Nickel Plate Railway.

Charles A. Williamson was given the advantages of attendance at the district schools of his native county and the high school at Burkett, and during his vacations assisted his father and brothers in the operation of the homestead farm. When he attained his majority, in February, 1896, he left this county and went to Miami County, Indiana, where he rented a farm from his grandfather, and in the following year purchased this property. However, he felt that conditions and opportunities for advancement were better suited to his abilities in Kosciusko County, and accordingly, in 1899, sold his Miami County farm and returned to the vicinity of his birthplace. Here he secured by purchase a farm in Seward Township, consisting of eighty-six acres, the greater part of which is now under a high state of cultiva-

tion. Mr. Williamson raises all the standard crops, including corn, wheat and oats, and has also met with satisfying success in raising and shipping cattle and hogs, while in former years he devoted a large part of his time to the raising of thoroughbred horses, although this department recently has not been operated. He has improved the residence and barn on the farm, and as a progressive, energetic farmer has installed much machinery of a modern character. He is vice president and a heavy stockholder of the Bank of Seward at Burkett.

Mr. Williamson was married in 1895 to Miss Eliza C. Rickel, of Kosciusko County, daughter of Reason Rickel, an old and honored native-born citizen of this county, where he still lives at the age of seventy-three years. Mrs. Williamson is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Williamson is a member, at Miami, of the Improved Order of Red Men, and has passed through the chairs of his lodge. A republican in his political views, he was appointed a member of the board of trustees in 1912, and in spite of the fact that this township is strongly democratic was elected to that office in the fall of 1913 by a satisfying majority. In 1915 he was the candidate of his party for the office of county auditor, but met with defeat owing to political conditions.

JOHN W. MONTEL, of the Atwood community, has recently passed his seventieth birthday. He is one of the oldest native sons of Kosciusko County, and his career has been one of honorable and useful activity. He is a veteran of the Civil war, and most of his years have been spent in farming and in dealing in farm lands. He is now practically retired, and has a competence against his declining years.

Born in Kosciusko County July 1, 1845, he is a son of John S. and Susan (Wolf) Montel. His parents were both natives of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather was Christopher Montel, who was born in Germany and when a young man came to America, settling in Pennsylvania, and was there in time to take a part in the War of the Revolution. He afterwards moved to Ohio and finally to Indiana, where he died. The maternal grandfather was Jacob Wolf, also a native of Pennsylvania, who migrated to Preble County, Ohio, where he died after many years as a farmer. John S. and Susan Montel were married in Ohio, and after ten or twelve years in that state they came on to Indiana. John S. Montel is numbered among the very early settlers in Kosciusko County, having settled on a farm in this locality in 1837. This was an almost unbroken wilderness at the time and the Montel family supplied its table largely from the wild game which was abundant in the woods. He did his share in clearing up some of the first lands brought under cultivation, and altogether he did a worthy part as an early settler. He was an active member of the Lutheran Church and in politics a democrat.

John W. Montel, who was the youngest in a family of thirteen children, was reared in this community, attended the country schools, and his recollections are of one of the old fashioned log school houses,

which had a puncheon floor and slab bench seats, and the curriculum of instruction was strictly confined to the three R's.

He was still quite young when the war broke out. On August 5, 1862, in response to Lincoln's call for 300,000 men, he enlisted in Company I of the Twelfth Indiana Infantry. Altogether he was in twenty-one battles and a large number of skirmishes. In one of the first battles in which he participated, at Richmond, Kentucky, he was made a prisoner, but was subsequently exchanged, returned home for a furlough of twenty days, and then rejoined his command. He took part in those great movements which wrested the country between Chicamauga and Atlanta from the Confederacy, and he followed Sherman on his glorious march to the sea.

Following the war Mr. Montel located at Silver Lake and applied himself vigorously to his duties as a farmer and agriculturist. He married Miss Elvira Eppler. She was born in Marion County, Ohio, and came to Kosciusko County when only seven years of age. To their marriage have been born four children: Eleanora, wife of Benjamin Dancer, a carpenter at Atwood; William S., who is in the railroad service and lives at Atwood; Artie May, wife of Jacob Shank, of Mishawaka, Indiana, a groceryman there; and Oris Clyde, who is employed in a factory at Mishawaka.

Mr. and Mrs. Montel take an active part in the United Brethren Church. He keeps up his associations with old army comrades as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in politics is a republican. At one time he was township supervisor. Some years ago Mr. Montel dealt quite extensively in farm lands, and his business dealings have always been characterized by honesty and successful results. A few years ago he retired from the major activities and responsibilities of the farmer, and now has an excellent home at Atwood.

WILLIAM W. WARREN. Now in the twilight of a well-spent life, William W. Warren is living retired in his comfortable residence at Mentone. His birthplace, a farm in Henry County, his boyhood passed amid the scenes and experiences of early Kosciusko County, and his mature years devoted to the cultivation of the soil and the development of the latter community—the record of such a life, if told in its completeness, would make a volume of interesting reading. It is not our privilege to place it before our readers in its entirety. As we may not follow every curve of a river, but can only trace its general outlines from its source to the sea, so while we may not relate every incident in the life of Mr. Warren, we can, notwithstanding, narrate the principal events which have marked and characterized his career.

Mr. Warren was born in Henry County, Indiana, November 3, 1843, and is a son of James and Polly (Beeson) Warren. His grandfather, James Warren, was born in South Carolina, and at an early period in Indiana's history migrated to this state, taking up his residence in Wayne County, where for several years he followed his trade of blacksmith, but later turned his attention to farming,

in which occupation he passed his last years. His son, James Warren, the father of William W., was born in Wayne County, in 1822, later moved to Henry County, where he was married and lived for some years, and in 1851 came to Kosciusko County, locating on a farm in Franklin Township. From modest circumstances he worked his way by industry and perseverance to the ownership of a valuable and well-cultivated farm, reared a family of children who took their places as responsible members of their several communities, and won the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens. He was a republican in his political views, but was content to devote himself to the labors of the agriculturist, and was not a seeker for public preferment. He was a member of the Dunkard faith and an honest, God-fearing citizen. Mr. Warren was married in Henry County, Indiana, to Miss Polly Beeson, who was born in North Carolina in 1822, daughter of William H. Beeson, who brought his family to Indiana in 1827 and settled in Henry County. Mr. Beeson, who was also a farmer all of his life, later hearkened to the call of the West, and his death occurred in Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Warren were the parents of seven children, of whom William W. is the only survivor.

William W. Warren grew up amid rural surroundings on the Henry County homestead of the family, and there received his early education in the public schools. This was supplemented by attendance at the district schools of Kosciusko County, to which community he was brought when eight years of age, and where he grew to sturdy and active manhood. As a youth he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked in connection with farming, and as a contractor erected a number of buildings in the community, which stood for many years as monuments to his skill and good workmanship. However, the greater part of his attention was devoted to the family occupation of farming, a vocation in which he gained marked success during the years of his activity. He is now the owner of 248 acres of well-developed land, located in Franklin Township, where he has substantial buildings and improvements of a modern character, this having been conducted by his son since Mr. Warren retired from active life. He now makes his home at Mentone, where he has an attractive residence. Mr. Warren has worked his own way to a position of independence and prominence. He had few advantages in his youth save those given him by an ambitious and determined disposition, but these have proved sufficient to aid him in the accomplishment of his desires. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Bank of Mentone, one of the substantial institutions of this part of the county, and has other interests in land and investments, in which he has shown his faith in the continued advancement of Kosciusko County.

In 1862 Mr. Warren was married to Miss Nancy J. Guckenhour, who was born in Ohio, and of their children two are living: Miss Clara, who makes her home with her father, was given an excellent educational training, became a teacher in the public schools, and after seventeen years of educational work at Beaver Dam, Indiana, came, two years ago, to Mentone, where she now has a large and appreciative class; and Alva, who is engaged in carrying on the work of his father's

farm in Franklin Township. The mother of these children died October 7, 1915, firm in the faith of the Baptist church, of which she had been a devout member for thirty-five years, and to which Mr. Warren and their children still belong. Mr. Warren is one of the best known men in this part of the state in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being the oldest member of Mentone Lodge, which he joined in 1872, and in which he has passed through the chairs three times. He is a republican in his political affiliation, and on that ticket was elected a member of the board of trustees of the Town of Mentone, a position in which he is now acting with ability and fidelity.

William Graff is a member of the firm Graff Brothers in Seward Township, who have not been content merely with the business of producing crops as practical farmers, but have also furnished facilities for marketing and distributing the crops and livestock of others, and handle much of the local produce of that section through their elevator and yards at Burkett. Mr. William Graff of this firm has his farm home a mile east of Burkett.

He was born in Franklin Township of this county March 21, 1875, a son of George and Julia (Kern) Graff. His father was born in Alsace-Lorraine October 4, 1852. He grew up there and in 1870 came to America and spent his first two years at Warsaw. A cabinet maker by trade, he followed that occupation in Warsaw, and then moved to Sevastopol, where for twelve years he was in the employ of Mr. Peter Blue. While there he began buying stock and every year shipped a number of carloads out of this county. He finally removed to the Jacob Weirick farm, and after four years moved to Seward Township, in 1885, and bought 100 acres of land. Here his business prospered and he continued as a farmer and stock buyer until his death in 1910. He accumulated an estate of 300 acres. After coming to this county George Graff married Julia Kern, who was also a native of one of the French provinces, and had come to America on the same boat with her prospective husband. Both were active members of the Lutheran church and George Graff was a democrat. They had three children: William, Emma, and George. Emma is the wife of James Howard, of Seward Township.

George Graff, Jr., the younger member of the firm of Graff Brothers, was born in Franklin Township January 13, 1881. He married Lulu Brunner, and they have a son, High, born in 1904.

The Graff Brothers have been in active business as grain buyers at Burkett since April 1, 1911. They built the present elevator in 1914. Both of them grew up with training and practical experience in the business of stock buying, and they have been handling stock either as individual feeders or buyers for a number of years. Mr. George Graff is a stockholder in the Bank of Seward.

William Graff married Oda Andrews. They have one son, Wayne, born in 1905. Both the Graff brothers are democratic voters.

T. H. Idle is well and favorably known all over Kosciusko County, and enjoys the fruits of success due to his long continued labors as

a farmer and stockman. At the urgent solicitation of his fellow citizens he has accepted various places of trust and responsibility and is the present trustee of Monroe Township.

Mr. Idle was born in Champaign County, Ohio, June 7, 1856, son of Martin and Levina (Harbour) Idle. Martin Idle was born in Ohio March 3, 1818, a son of John and Catherine Idle, both of whom were natives of Virginia and pioneer settlers of Champaign County, Ohio, where John Idle died at the age of ninety-eight, and his wife also lived to a good old age. Long years and good and faithful work have apparently been characteristics of all the generations of the family. Levina Harbour was born in Champaign County March 4, 1820, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harbour, who were also Virginians. Her father lived to be ninety years of age and was the father of thirty-two children. His wife, who was the grandmother of Mr. Idle, died at the age of forty-seven. Martin Idle and wife were married in Ohio and in the fall of 1856 came to Kosciusko County and located in section 16 in Monroe Township, acquiring a farm where they spent the rest of their years. Both died in the year 1900, Martin in June and his wife in July, having attained the age of fourscore or more. They were the parents of eleven children, only two of whom are now living, Jane and T. H. Idle. Jane is the widow of Stephen Norris and lives in Oklahoma.

T. H. Idle was an infant when his parents came to Kosciusko County and on the old farm in Monroe Township he grew to manhood, acquired an education in the district schools and entered upon his serious career in the farming vocation. For the past twenty years he has been one of the leading stock shippers of the county, and has also served as solicitor for the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Kosciusko County.

Mr. Idle married Melissa Heckman. She became the mother of six children, five of whom are still living and four of them are graduates of the common school. For his second wife Mr. Idle married Mary Delander and they have one son George, who has finished the work of the high school. They are members of the Christian Church and Mr. Idle is affiliated with Sidney Lodge No. 847 Independent Order of Odd Fellows which he has served as noble grand three times and has sat in the Grand Lodge three terms. As a democrat he has long been prominent and influential and his position has enabled him to overcome the adverse majority of the republican organization. To the office of township trustee which he fills at present he was elected by a majority of eighteen at a time when the township was normally forty-two republican. He was once nominated for sheriff of the county and lacked only twenty-three votes of carrying the election.

Fred S. Clark. It is a sterling English family which is represented by Fred S. Clark in Kosciusko County. For almost half a century Fred S. Clark has lived in Warsaw, and in that time has contributed a large and valuable share of service to the community, chiefly as a builder and contractor, though also as an earnest and public spirited worker for community development.

His father was the late William S. Clark, one of the oldest men who ever lived in Warsaw. William S. Clark died at his home in that city in July, 1914, when nearly a hundred and three years of age. He had come with his wife and seven children from England to America in 1862. William S. Clark was born in County Kent and prior to coming to this country was a sailor. On reaching America he located in Ashland County, Ohio, where he bought a farm and engaged in farming, but after the death of his wife in April, 1904, when she was in her ninetieth year, he moved to Warsaw and lived in that city for the last ten years of his life.

Fred S. Clark, one of the children of William S. Clark, was born in England December 29, 1845. He was in his seventeenth year when the family immigrated to America. His education was limited, and he attended two winter terms of school after coming to the United States. For two years as a boy he worked with his father while the latter was engaged in operating an oyster boat. After coming to America he turned his labor to the work of the home farm in Ashland County, Ohio, for one year, then went to Michigan, and learned the brick mason trade.

In 1866 Mr. Clark married Miss Lottie Philpott. In the fall after their marriage they moved to Warsaw and that city has been his home ever since. He worked at his trade as brick mason for a time, but gradually began taking contracts for himself, and from that drifted into the general building business. As a contractor and builder he has contributed many of the most substantial homes and other buildings to Kosciusko County during a period of nearly half a century. In time his son became identified with him in the business. Besides their work as contractors they now do a considerable business in the manufacturing of cement blocks and have large yards for the handling of building materials.

Mr. Fred S. Clark is a republican in general politics, but has strong views on the liquor traffic and favors anything which will bring about the abolition of that business. For four years he served as a member of the City Council of Warsaw. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Clark and wife have two children. Clyde, associated with his father in business, married Myrtle Noggle. Anne is the wife of Charles Helligas.

Mr. Clark is a Methodist and has for twenty years been trustee of his home church in Warsaw. Although born in England, he is as loyal an American as ever breathed, and is a true and consistent believer in the ultimate as well as the present greatness of this nation, and whatever he can do by act or influence he is willing to do for the good of his community and the country of his adoption.

Edgar Haymond. Much that is interesting in human experience was the lot of Judge Haymond of Warsaw, and during more than half a century of residence in that city he accomplished those things which are considered most worth while by ambitious men—years of honorable activity in his profession, with satisfying material reward, the

esteem of his fellow men, and a public spirited share in the social and civic life of his community. He died October 13, 1917.

While his earlier experiences led him to many parts of the country, including several years spent on the California gold coast, Judge Haymond had a perhaps unique record in Kosciusko County for permanence of residence. He lived in the county for fifty-six years, and all those years his home was in the one house in Warsaw, and as a local landmark there is none more familiar to the citizens than the "Judge Haymond home."

He was a native son of Indiana, and was born at Brookville, Franklin County, February 22, 1829. His was an old American family and in all the generations its vigor and vitality was never better exemplified than in the case of Judge Haymond. His first American ancestor was John Haymond, who was born in England, and came to this country during the colonial era, prior to the year 1734. He located in Maryland, and became a slave-holding planter, a custom which was probably followed by several generations of his descendants. William Haymond, a son of the emigrant, was born in 1740, and early in the Revolutionary war Governor Patrick Henry of Virginia commissioned him a captain in the Virginia troops of the Continental line. Later, November 12, 1781, he was commissioned a major by Benjamin Harrison, who had succeeded Captain Henry as governor of Virginia. Next in this ancestral line comes Thomas Haymond, who was born January 11, 1776, near Clarksburg, in what is now Monongahela County of West Virginia, but then a part of Virginia, and he died in that city in 1853. It is apparent from this that the family early showed its pioneer instinct and had ventured into the mountainous district of western Virginia prior to the outbreak of the Revolution. Thomas Haymond was a farmer by occupation. One of his sons was Rufus Haymond, who was born in 1805 and about 1828 moved to Indiana. He was a physician by profession, and practiced medicine for more than half a century. His death occurred in 1886. He married Caroline Northrup, who died 1832, leaving two children, one of whom was Judge Edgar Haymond of Warsaw. Doctor Haymond by a second marriage had three children.

Judge Edgar Haymond, great-grandson of the first of his family to come to America, was reared in Franklin County, Indiana. During his youth the schools were very limited. In fact there were no public schools in the modern sense of the term, and instruction depended upon a co-operative effort among different families who kept up a school on the subscription plan, or in the case of the better to do families the children had the benefit of instruction from a private tutor or were sent away to some select school. Judge Haymond had perhaps a little better than the ordinary advantages while he was a boy. He attended school until 1846, and then for a year clerked in a store at the old Village of America in Wabash County, a place that no longer exists. Subsequently he served as a deputy county clerk of Franklin County, and while thus employed, at night, by the light of tallow candle, he read such law books as he could procure. The ambition to become a lawyer never left him, and he subsequently began a more sys-

tematic study under the direction of George Holland, a lawyer at Brookville. In August, 1849, when not yet twenty-one years of age, he passed an examination and was admitted to the bar. The next four years were spent as a young and rising attorney at Brookville. In 1853 he was unable to resist any longer the lure of the great West, to which thousands of the best young men in the country were going to share in the search for gold and the venturesome life of California. He went out to that state by way of the Isthmus of Panama, and spent five years there, during which time he had a full share of all the experiences connected with mining. It was strenuous toil, and he spent many weary days in handling the pick and shovel, in blasting great rocks, in diverting the course of streams, and employing every known expedient to search out the hidden metal.

In 1858 he returned by the same route which he followed when he went out, and for about a year was in the offices of Robert & Joseph Brackenridge at Fort Wayne. These lawyers were relatives of Judge Haymond. In August, 1859, he came to Warsaw to practice his profession and lived in that city continuously from that year to his death. In 1859 Warsaw had a population of about fifteen hundred, and the Judicial Circuit in which he practiced was a very large one, including among other counties the County of Allen, of which Fort Wayne is the county seat. In the many years spent at Warsaw as a lawyer Judge Haymond was at different times associated in partnership with some of the best known members of the bar, and also carried on an individual practice for a long aggregate time. His leadership in the local bar was long acknowledged and in earlier years he was almost constantly identified with the more important litigation on one side or the other.

In 1890 he was elected Circuit Court judge, and filled that honorable place in public life for six years. Judge Haymond in later years seldom appeared either for plaintiff or defendant in any of the local courts, and after many years of successful service was justified in relieving himself of the heavier cares of affairs. Much of his time was given to the gentle art of fishing as practiced by Isaak Walton. He was a republican in politics, and was a stalwart in that party practically from the time it was founded.

In November, 1859, about the time he established his home in Warsaw, Judge Haymond married Helen M. McCarty. Their married life was measured by about nine years, and she passed away January 4, 1868. She was the mother of four children, and the only one now living is Lulu. On June 8, 1869, Judge Haymond married Emma H. Wing. There are two children by this marriage: Norman E. and Mabel. The latter is the wife of George M. Stephenson of Warsaw.

Mathew C. Weaver is one of the enviable men of Kosciusko County to enjoy the prosperity of a good farm, comforts of an excellent rural home, peace and plenty, and a substantial position in community esteem. His farm is in Washington Township, 2½ miles northeast of Pierceton.

Mr. Weaver was born in this county, near the Adams House, on

November 11, 1869, son of Horatio C. and Julia A. (Van Wurmer) Weaver. Mr. Weaver's grandparents were George W. Weaver, who served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and was a pioneer settler of Kosciusko County where he died in 1858, and Mary A. (Clarke) Weaver, a native of Virginia and closely related to the family which produced the great George Rogers Clarke, hero of the campaign which wrested the Northwest Territory from the control of the British during the Revolution.

Horatio C. Weaver was born in Logan County, Ohio, and his wife was a native of New York State. His wife was a widow when she married him. Her first husband, Isaac Bennett, died during the Civil war. Horatio C. Weaver after his marriage settled on a farm in Washington Township and lived here until his death in 1912. His widow is still living. Of their two children the only one now living is Mathew C.

Mathew C. Weaver grew up on the home farm, had a district school education and remained on the old homestead and managed it for his father until the latter's death. The land here was entered from the government in 1836, its first owner being Dan Bratt.

October 16, 1898, Mr. Weaver married Clara A. Zerbe, who was reared in Whitley County, Indiana. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Weaver began housekeeping where they now live. Four children were born to them: Ralph, who died in the great war; Ray, a graduate of the common schools in 1914; Vada G., who graduated from the common schools in 1918; and Lewis H., who is twelve years old. Mrs. Weaver is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Pierceton, and her two youngest children are also members of that church. Mr. Weaver is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and in politics is a democrat.

Samuel A. White is one of the old timers of Kosciusko County and has had his home in this section of Indiana since early infancy, and for more than three-quarters of a century. The honor and respect due him are the results not only of his long residence, good work and management as a practical farmer, but also to his creditable record as a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil war.

Mr. White, who is now living retired at Pierceton, was born in Highland County, Ohio, December 12, 1840, son of George A. and May A. (Yohn) White. His parents were also natives of Highland County, grew up and married there, and in February, 1841, when Samuel was about two months old, came to Indiana and located in Kosciusko County in Tippecanoe Township. Here they lived until advanced years, when the father moved to Ligonier, Indiana, and died there. The mother died at the home of her son Samuel in 1896. Of their large family of seventeen children only four are now living: Emma, widow of Conrad Foute; Milton White, of Noble County, Indiana; Frances, widow of Frank Wright; and Samuel A.

Mr. Samuel A. White grew up in Kosciusko County, and had his education in the district schools here. He was just about turned of age when in November, 1861, he volunteered and enlisted in Company

I of the Forty-Seventh Indiana Infantry. He was with that command in many battles and campaigns for two years, was discharged and then veteranized and rejoined the same company and regiment, with which he fought loyally and gallantly until mustered out in 1865 at the close of the war. Mr. White has always kept in close touch with his old comrades, and is an honored member of John Murray Post of the Grand Army at Pierceton.

Mr. White married for his first wife Sarah Smith, and eight of their children are still living. He married for his present wife Mary A. Snodgrass, and they have a daughter, Elizabeth White. The family are members of the Christian Church and Mr. White has been active for many years in Larwell Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a republican in politics and during his residence in Whitley County served as trustee of Troy Township. Much of his farming was done in Whitley Township and he still owns a highly developed place of 302 acres in that locality. He is a stockholder in the North Webster Bank. Mr. White and family moved to Pierceton on March 1, 1918.

C. Edwin Stout. A very useful part in business affairs in Kosciusko County is taken by C. Edwin Stout, whose name will hardly require introduction to the present generation of county citizens since he was recently the efficient county clerk and has been active in banking and other affairs in the county for a number of years.

One of the younger generation of native sons, he was born at Silver Lake in Kosciusko County, May 19, 1880, a son of Adam and Sarah (Blue) Stout. His early life was spent in the environment of the old home in Silver Lake, he attended the local schools there, and when quite young took up banking and rose to the position of cashier of the Commercial State Bank of Silver Lake. He resigned that office in 1908 to begin a term of four years as county clerk. He had been elected to that office in 1906. In his election to county clerk Mr. Stout broke all records for the democratic party, since he was the only candidate of that organization who ever succeeded in being elected to this important county office. His record there was one of thorough competency and efficiency, and many have said that the affairs of the office were never in better hands than when Mr. Stout was clerk. In 1912, on retiring from office, Mr. Stout became secretary-treasurer of the Warsaw Investment Company, one of the important financial concerns of the county, but resigned that position in 1916 to accept the position of secretary and treasurer of the Elkhart County Trust Company of Goshen, Indiana, which position he still occupies. He is also secretary of the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce, and is doing a good deal to give and maintain vitality in local commercial affairs. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. On February 8, 1910, he married Miss Ethel Dickey. They are the parents of one daughter, Betty.

WILLIAM A. MABIE. It is nearly eighty years since the Mabie family became identified with Kosciusko County and this section of Indiana. The earlier generations were real pioneers. They helped to clear the forests, drain the swamps, break up the virgin soil, and institute the order of civilization where for centuries had been a wilderness. There are a number of names in this family which deserve special mention. To give some consecutive order to this record the heads of the several successive generations that have been identified with Kosciusko County will be mentioned, beginning with Levi Mabie and continuing with Peter Mabie, Eli Mabie and finally Dr. W. A. Mabie, who for fully thirty years has practiced his profession as a veterinary surgeon at Warsaw.

Levi Mabie was born in New York State, probably about the close of the Revolutionary war. He moved to Ohio when it was a frontier and settled in Darke County. His wife was named Sarah. He followed some of his children to this section of Indiana in 1837, and located in Whitley County, building a cabin half a mile from the Kosciusko County line. A little later he moved to North Webster and died there about 1838 or 1839. They were victims partly of the fever and ague which was then so prevalent a disease in the new country, and partly of the bungling practice of medicine which at that time prevailed. Both were stricken with the ague, and a physician at Leesburg gave them calomel, and both died within twenty-four hours after taking the medicine.

Peter Mabie, a son of Levi and Sarah Mabie, was born on Long Island, New York, in 1807, and after reaching manhood he moved to Huron County, Ohio, where he married Elizabeth McConkey. They lived in Ohio until 1836, and then came to Indiana. In 1856 Peter Mabie sold his farm to his son and moved out to Iowa, where he entered land from the Government in Marshall County, but in 1868 he went to Buena Vista County, Iowa, and died there June 20, 1885. His first wife, who was born in Holmes County, Ohio, in 1808, died October 14, 1851, in Whitley County, Indiana, and was buried at Webster. By her marriage there were the following children: Eli; Lott who died at Warsaw in 1866; Eliza J., who died in Iowa in 1884 as the wife of David Ingraham; Angelia, who married John Conklin and died in Elkhart County in 1862; Esther, who died in Whitley County in 1853; and Ellen, who died at the age of ten months. Peter Mabie married for his second wife Jemima Taylor. The children of that marriage were: Jemima, who died at the age of nine years; Samuel; and Austin.

Eli Mabie was born in Darke County, Ohio, December 19, 1829, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (McConkey) Mabie. He was in his seventh year when he came to Indiana with his parents, who settled upon the farm owned by A. Goble. It was wild land, and he first became acquainted with conditions in this section of Indiana when the family lived in a log cabin. The family subsequently moved to Troy Township in Whitley County, and again went through the strenuous life of the pioneers, living in log cabins and clearing up the

forests in order to secure land for cultivation. Eli Mabie had only a limited education, but by reading became unusually well informed. He worked by the month on a farm until April 14, 1852, and he then married Eliza Ann Beezley. She was born in Ohio, January 3, 1836, a daughter of Isaac and Sarepta (McMillan) Beezley, the former born in Stark County, Ohio, June 13, 1814, and died in 1862, and the latter born January 27, 1813. After his marriage Eli Mabie with his brother Lott bought their father's farm, and after several years of hard work in clearing and planting in the northwest corner of Whitley County they sold and in 1863 bought a place of about 100 acres in section 21 of Tippecanoe Township in Kosciusko County. He worked hard here and eventually accumulated a large amount of land and other property. He was a member of the Baptist Church for over half a century and a great student of the Bible. He was a stanch republican, and served in the offices of school director and road supervisor. Most of his life was spent on his farm in Tippecanoe Township, and he died there May 17, 1910, while his wife passed away February 7, 1905. During the war Eli Mabie was a warm supporter of Lincoln's administration. A crippled hand prevented his entering the army, but he did all in his power to assist the cause at home and very frequently pulled the copperhead cent and butternut breast pin from the coats of rebel sympathizers. Eli Mabie and wife had five children, one of whom died in infancy. Those who were reared to maturity were: John B., William A., Rose and Jessie O.

Dr. William A. Mabie, of Warsaw, a son of Eli Mabie, was born on the Tippecanoe Township farm in this county May 16, 1857. He was reared after the manner of farmer boys in that time and place and his early schooling was obtained in the public and subscription schools. From boyhood he manifested an unusual fondness for and knowledge of live stock. This naturally made him very proficient in handling live stock as a farmer, and he was one of the substantial agriculturists of the county for a number of years. During 1889-90 and 1890-91 he attended the Chicago Veterinary College, where he combined scientific knowledge with his practical skill and experience, and was graduated with the degree D. V. S. in a class of eighty-seven. Since then for many years he has practiced his profession in Kosciusko County, and is the leading representative of that profession and has all the business he can attend to.

In politics he is a republican, and has been a member of the Warsaw Board of Health four years. He also served in the City Council four years. In an official capacity he is best known through his former service as sheriff of Kosciusko County, to which he was elected in 1914. He served two years.

On December 3, 1876, Doctor Mabie married Catherine M. Secrist. They are the parents of three children: Bert O., Thomas A. and Blanche E. Mrs. Mabie is a daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Long) Secrist, and her father died when Mrs. Mabie was two years of age. Doctor Mabie is affiliated with the Masonic Order, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

GODFREY JACOB SMITH. One of the fine farms that lend distinction and dignity to Kosciusko County is that of Godfrey Jacob Smith in Wayne, Washington and Monroe Townships. His home is in Wayne Township, seven miles southeast of Warsaw. Mr. Smith has been a farmer all his life and he knows the business as only one can know it through years of practical experience and common sense application of his energies to the task at hand.

He was born in Washington Township of this county June 22, 1857, son of John Sleeper and Rose Ann (Keith) Smith.

His father, the late John Sleeper Smith, was born near Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1806, of German ancestry. When nine years old the family moved to Bedford County, Pennsylvania, where he grew up on a farm. At the age of eighteen he started out to make his own way in the world and in Bedford County on March 9, 1830, he married Rose Ann Keith. Her brother, Lewis Keith, was the original owner of the land in Kosciusko County on which Pierceton is located. In 1838 John S. Smith and wife, with some of their children and with several other people in the party, started west from Pennsylvania for Kosciusko County. They traveled partly on foot and partly by wagon, and after crossing the Ohio State line they had to cut their road and construct bridges across streams. On reaching Washington Township John S. Smith entered eighty acres of Government land and after clearing a spot in the midst of the woods erected his first log cabin home, in which the family first sheltered themselves on Christmas Day of 1838. Both he and his brother-in-law, Lewis Keith, had much to do with the pioneer activities of the present town of Pierceton. John S. Smith cleared up and improved his land, and was one of the substantial citizens of Kosciusko County until his death on October 14, 1869. He was a Presbyterian and one of the first members of the church of that denomination at Pierceton. His widow survived him until 1890. They were the parents of eleven children, but only two are now living, Daniel J., of Iowa, and Godfrey J.

Godfrey J. Smith grew up in Kosciusko County, and was liberally educated, partly in the district schools and also in normal institutes at Pierceton and Warsaw. For fourteen years he was one of the liberal and progressive minded men engaged in educational affairs in the county.

November 10, 1881, Mr. Smith married Miss Lavina Stotes, who was reared on a farm in Washington Township, daughter of David and Barbara Stotes. Her parents were charter members of the Presbyterian Church at Pierceton. Mrs. Smith was a small child when her mother died.

Mr. Smith has been on his present farm since 1887 and has over two hundred acres, which furnishes ample grounds on which to carry forward his activities as a general farmer and stock breeder and dealer. He specializes in Duroc Jersey hogs and every year buys a number of cattle in Chicago markets and finishes them off for the packers. Mr. Smith is also vice president and one of the directors

of the Bank of Sidney in Jackson Township. The family are members of the United Brethren church and Mr. Smith is a past grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a democrat.

He and his wife have two children, Ethel and Rulo W. Ethel is a graduate of the common schools and is the wife of Homer T. Menzie of Washington Township. Mr. and Mrs. Menzie have three children, Lucile, Audrey and Jacob. The son Rulo has perhaps an unique record in scholarship. He graduated at the age of thirteen from the common schools with the highest grade in his classes and at seventeen finished the work of the Pierceton High School, also with the highest honors of scholarship. From there he entered the Tri-State Normal College at Angola, and graduated also with a splendid record in all his studies. He has a state license as a teacher and the general average of his examinations was ninety-eight per cent.

Hon. James S. Frazer. For fully seventy years the name Frazer has been one of prominence in association with the Kosciusko County bar. Not only in his home county but in the state and nation was the late James S. Frazer distinguished. He was a splendid lawyer, was a great judge, and had diplomatic and administrative ability which brought him some delicate responsibilities in connection with the national government.

His death occurred at his home in Warsaw. James S. Frazer was born July 17, 1824, in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. His grandfather came to America from Scotland as a British soldier at the beginning of the Revolutionary war, but soon left the British service and became an outright American citizen. Judge Frazer's parents were James and Martha Frazer, substantial farming people, who did all they could to provide their ambitious and studious son with opportunities such as he craved in the way of education and learning. The mother died when Judge Frazer was quite young and in 1837 James Frazer, Sr., moved to Wayne County, Indiana, and there Judge Frazer grew to manhood.

In 1840 he entered the office of Moorman Way at Winchester, Indiana, to take up the study of law. He also taught school part of each year to defray expenses, and was finally admitted to the bar in Wayne County in March, 1845. In the following April he opened his office in Warsaw. That was a little more than seventy years ago. Judge Frazer was a Warsaw citizen the rest of his life, though duties called him to the state capital and to the national capital and elsewhere. There has been a Frazer on the membership roll of the county bar ever since.

The late Judge Frazer was first a whig, but helped to organize the republican party in his section of Indiana, and it is said that from 1846 throughout the rest of his career he was a participant in practically every campaign. During 1847, 1848 and 1854 he served in the House of Representatives of the State Legislature. He was elected prosecuting attorney in 1851. In 1862, during the war, he

was appointed assessor of internal revenues. He reached the culmination of his service as a lawyer when he sat as a member of the Indiana Supreme Court from 1865 to 1871. On May, 1871, a treaty was entered into with Great Britain providing for the appointment of a commission of three to settle and adjudicate the various claims arising out of the Civil war. Under the terms of this treaty President Grant selected Judge Frazer of Warsaw as the American commissioner, the English commissioner was Russell Gurney, while the neutral member of the commission was appointed by the Italian Government. During 1873-75 Judge Frazer was connected with the treasury department at Washington and assisted in adjusting many claims for cotton captured or destroyed by the Government during the war. He was also appointed by the Indiana Supreme Court as one of the three commissioners to revise and codify the laws of the state according to the act of March 28, 1879. Judge Frazer impressed his ability upon the affairs of Indiana and the nation in many ways. His influence as a judge, lawyer, diplomat and public leader were written on many pages. He was one of the charter members of Kosciusko Lodge No. 62, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which was organized at Warsaw, February 7, 1849. He was reared a Presbyterian, though he was not an active communicant of that church. His last important office came to him in 1889, when Governor Hovey appointed him judge of the Kosciusko Circuit Court, and he remained on the Circuit Bench for one year.

Judge Frazer married October 28, 1848, at Goshen, Indiana, Caroline M. Defrees, a daughter of James Defrees, and a member of the very prominent family of Defrees in Goshen, members of which have made their mark in the public service, in the law and in other lines. Judge Frazer and wife became the parents of six children.

William D. Frazer. The oldest son of the late Judge James S. Frazer is William D. Frazer, who for forty years has been one of the leading lawyers of the Kosciusko County bar and has done much to maintain the high prestige of the name established by Judge Frazer.

Born in Warsaw, November 26, 1849, William D. Frazer grew up in that then small town, acquired his primary education there, and attended college at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, of which institution he is an alumnus. He read law under the direction of his father and later for many years the two were associated in practice.

While Mr. Frazer has not been called to the distinguished positions which his father filled, and has had little ambition for the mere honors of politics, he has given srevice of great capability in various ways. In 1881 and in 1883 he was elected a member of the Lower House of the State Legislature on the republican ticket. In 1898 and in 1900 he was chairman of the Kosciusko County Republican Central Committee. In March, 1899, he was appointed a national bank examiner, and for several years filled that position.

However, first and last, the practice of law has been his chief vocation and the object of his highest ambition. In many ways he

has been identified with the growth and welfare of his home city. His name is found associated with a number of enterprises that have brought good to both Warsaw and Kosciusko County. He was one of the organizers of the present Chamber of Commerce at Warsaw, which organization more than any other has brought about an awakening in the city to modern progress. From the beginning he has served as president and as one of the directors of this body. For years he was president of the Warsaw Gas Light & Coke Company, and is now the president and general manager of the Winona Interurban Railway Company, is vice president of the Indiana Loan & Trust Company, also president of the Winona Electric Light & Water Company, and in many less conspicuous ways has found opportunity for an exhibition of good citizenship and public spirit.

Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. On September 5, 1876, Mr. Frazer married Miss Flora C. Ristine of Crawfordsville, Indiana. They are the parents of two sons: James R. and Theodore C.

Joseph Scott. Now that our nation is again at war there is a more general appreciation on the part of the present generation of the struggles and sacrifices made by the boys in blue of the '60s who preserved and perpetuated the union of states. One of the honored soldiers of that conflict between the North and the South was Joseph Scott, for more than half a century a well known farmer and active citizen of Kosciusko County. Mr. Scott spent the last years of his life retired from the heavier duties of his earlier years on his farm in section 36 of Wayne Township, on route No. 6 out of Warsaw. The farm is six miles southeast of Warsaw.

He was born in Stark County, Ohio, sixteen miles east of the City of Canton, May 29, 1842, son of Caleb and Mary (Ivens) Scott. His parents were both natives of New Jersey, his father of English ancestry. Caleb Scott brought his family to Kosciusko County in the summer of 1850, covering the entire distance from Stark County, Ohio, by team and wagon. He located in Wayne Township about five miles southeast of Warsaw, and died there in September, 1867, survived by his widow several years. Caleb Scott married for his first wife Rebecca Garwood, and they moved from New Jersey to Stark County, Ohio, and she died on the farm there. Rebecca Garwood Scott was the mother of two daughters, one of whom died young and the other, Sarah, was twice married and is now deceased. Caleb Scott had bought land in Kosciusko County prior to his removal here in 1850. He was a member of the Bible Christian Church, was a whig and went from that party into the ranks of the republicans. By his marriage to Mary Ivens he had thirteen children. Six of the sons were Civil war soldiers, named Caleb S., Isaac and Samuel, who were in Company B of the Thirtieth Indiana Infantry, William, a member of Company I of the Twelfth Indiana Infantry, Joshua F. in Company H of the Seventy-Fourth Indiana, while Joseph was in Company F of the Forty-Sixth Indiana.

It was on October 21, 1861, that Joseph Scott enlisted in Company F of the Forty-Sixth Indiana Infantry. He saw service practically throughout the period of the war until the fall of 1865, and though constantly exposed to danger was never wounded. He was present in some of the notable campaigns and battles of the war, including New Madrid, a number of the battles and campaigns along the Mississippi, including Fort Pemberton, one of the approaches to Pittsburg, Champion Hills, the siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, Port Gibson, Mansfield and others. He was taken prisoner at Champion Hills but was immediately paroled, re-entered the army and was four years in service with the exception of about three months.

After the war Mr. Scott returned to his old home in Wayne Township and engaged in farming. On July 3, 1867, he married Miss Martha J. Mickey, who was born in Wood County, Ohio, June 26, 1847, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Bryan) Mickey, of a family of early settlers in Kosciusko County. Her father, Isaac Mickey, was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1819, and died June 30, 1884. His parents were Isaac and Susana (Brinley) Mickey. Prior to 1734 six brothers named Mickey emigrated from Ireland to the United States, locating in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Isaac Mickey, grandfather of Mrs. Scott, married for his first wife Elizabeth Metcalf, and they had three sons: John R., born January 9, 1812, died October 3, 1849; Robert R., born August 22, 1814, and died December 8, 1849; and Henry H., born April 13, 1816. Elizabeth Metcalf Mickey died in Pennsylvania June 24, 1816. Isaac Mickey then married for his second wife Susana Brinley, and their family consisted of five sons and three daughters, named Isaac, Joseph, Margaret, Daniel, Hiram, Mary, Lucinda and Harmon. Isaac Mickey moved with his family to Indiana and located in the southwest corner of Franklin Township in 1846, and on October 3, 1849, both he and his wife died and were buried in the same grave in Nichols cemetery.

Isaac Mickey, father of Mrs. Scott, grew to manhood in Ohio and married Mary Bryan. In 1851 he moved to Kosciusko County, locating near Silver Lake in Lake Township. That locality remained his home until 1864, and in the following year he settled in Wayne Township, where he spent his last years. Of the seven children of the Mickey family three are still living: Martha J.; Mary A., wife of S. C. Funk, of Warsaw; and Hiram G., of Pierceton, Indiana.

Mrs. Scott was reared in Kosciusko County and lived at Silver Lake until 1865. After completing her work in the common schools she taught in this county five terms. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Scott located in Harrison Township and lived on a farm near Atwood for seven years. Selling out that place, he came to the present home in 1874 and in this locality they prospered and performed their duties to home, family and community and well earned the wealth of esteem and affection which was showered upon them when on July 3, 1917, they celebrated their fiftieth or golden wedding anniversary in the presence of a host of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and loyal friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott had the following children: Cora A., widow of William H. Funk; Mary C., wife of Irvin Sheely, of Montana; Musetta B., wife of William F. Hetzler, of New Mexico; Walter S., who married Mattie Bogg and lives in Monroe Township; Elden D., who married Elizabeth Rock and lives at Lake Charles, Louisiana; Freddie, who died in childhood; Vernice O., wife of Sherman Fike of Wayne Township; and Joseph R., who married Gusta M. Harley and lives on the old homestead farm. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have eighteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Scott is a devout member of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Scott was long affiliated with Kosciusko Post No. 14 of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Mrs. Scott is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps. In politics he simply voted the republican ticket without seeking any of the honors of office. Mr. Scott died July 3, 1918.

ANDREW JACKSON LOGAN. Now giving all his time to his duties as county treasurer of Kosciusko County, with home at Warsaw, Mr. Logan has had a long and successful career both in teaching and as a farmer in this county. His family has been identified with Kosciusko County since pioneer times and fully three generations have done their part and contributed their lives in whole or in part to the improvement of material and social conditions in this locality. Mr. Logan's record as an official has been characterized by such efficient performance and obliging courtesy to all who use his office that he is one of the most popular men in the courthouse at Warsaw.

He is probably the only one of the present set of county officials to claim a log cabin as his birthplace. It was in such a home, then the prevailing type of residence in this section of Indiana, that he was born on a farm in Washington Township of Kosciusko County, June 10, 1856. Out of a family of eleven children he is one of the four survivors. Their parents, Thomas W. and Chloe (Marquis) Logan, were natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. Thomas W. Logan was a carpenter by trade, and part of his skill was required in the early days in making coffins when some member of the community passed away. He had migrated to Kosciusko County during the decade of the '40s and he found here a wild and practically untamed wilderness, and his own industry and good citizenship were not unimportant factors in the progress of the community where he lived so long. Both he and his wife died in Kosciusko County. They were members of the Presbyterian Church and were charter members of the church of that denomination at Warsaw. His father is remembered for his strictly temperate character, and though he lived in a time when such habits were more practiced than at present he never used either tobacco or liquor. He reared his children to the same wholesome principles and ideals.

Though the present county treasurer was named for one of the greatest leaders of the early democracy in America, he has belied his name to the extent that he is a republican. As a boy he lived on the home farm, attended the district schools and the public schools

at Warsaw, and when only nineteen was qualified with a certificate as a teacher and began a work for which he is best remembered among a large number of people. For seventeen terms he taught in different districts, all in Kosciusko County, and combined that profession with his work as a farmer. He continued farming until called away from the country to assume his present office as treasurer of the county, to which he was elected in 1914. He still owns the beautiful and highly improved farm of 217 acres in Washington Township. He has long been a member of the Patrons of Husbandry in this county. On March 22, 1881, Mr. Logan married Miss Elizabeth Dunham. They have one son, Ward T.

JOHN C. MEREDITH is a native of Franklin Township, has lived there nearly all his life, and has accumulated many interests and associations to identify himself prominently with that community. Mr. Meredith's business town is Akron in Fulton County, and he divides his time between the management of his large stock farm in Franklin Township and his varied interests in Akron. Mr. Meredith is one of the leading stock buyers of this section of Indiana. His large and valuable farm is a half mile east and seven miles south of Mentone.

He was born in Franklin Township, September 20, 1852, a son of Simon C. and Mary A. (Middleton) Meredith. His father was a native of Pennsylvania and his mother of New Jersey. The respective families moved to Mahoning County, Ohio, where Simon Meredith and his wife grew up and married. In the spring of 1852 they arrived in the southwestern part of Kosciusko County, bought a tract of land that was completely covered with woods, and made their first home in a log cabin. Simon Meredith was a very industrious and capable farmer, cleared away the woods and made room for his crops, and lived there in comfort and growing prosperity the rest of his life. He and his wife were both birthright Quakers and were always faithful to that religion. In politics he was a republican. Simon Meredith had ten children by his first wife and three by his second marriage.

John C. Meredith grew to manhood in Franklin Township, attended the district schools there, and since the age of fourteen has been making his own way in the world. He worked out at day wages, also by the month, and was willing to take any employment that offered an opportunity to earn an honest living. He established a reputation for faithful performance and good honest work, and that reputation was his chief asset when he married and started to make a home of his own.

October 12, 1873, he married Miss Mary Burkett, a native of Franklin Township, where she was born December 20, 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Meredith had about five hundred dollars when they married and they used it to buy some equipment and located on a rented farm. The land was for the most part in the woods, and Mr. Meredith cleared up a number of acres and got his real start by clearing land. Later

he bought stock and has been a stock dealer for thirty-five years. The Meredith farm comprises 300 acres, and in the past Mr. Meredith has owned much other land in this and adjoining counties.

Six children were born to their marriage, and the four now living are: Frank, of Deming, New Mexico; Elmore E., a farmer in Franklin Township; Zora, wife of Ora McFarland of Franklin Township; and Martha, who is a graduate of the common schools and the wife of Alvin Clinker of Fulton County.

Mrs. Meredith is a member of the Beaver Dam United Brethren Church. Mr. Meredith has long been an interested participant in local politics and is one of the republican leaders in the southwest quarter of Kosciusko County. A number of years ago when the Legislature passed a law establishing county councils to maintain general supervision over the finances of the county, Mr. Meredith was selected as a member of the first council and served continuously in that capacity for fourteen years. He is a member of the County Central Committee from Franklin Township and a member of the Township Advisory Board.

Of his interests at Akron Mr. Meredith is a director in the Akron State Bank, a stockholder in the Grist Mill and Lumber Company, and also owns a large barn used in connection with his stock buying and stock feeding enterprise. The Akron State Bank has as its officers: V. J. Lidecker, president; J. J. King, vice president; John McCullough, cashier; and John C. Meredith, Merl Whittenberger, E. O. Strong and Wade Arnold, directors.

David J. Utter. Some of the best farms and some of the most capable farmers of Kosciusko County are found in Franklin Township. One of them is David J. Utter, who has spent all his life on the farm where he was born and has given a good account of his energies and his time in the capable manner in which he has conducted his affairs. He gives much attention to stock raising, and conducts one of the well ordered and profitable places in the southwestern corner of the county.

Mr. Utter was born November 15, 1854, son of Edwin A. and Elizabeth (Byers) Utter. His father was a native of Fayette County, Indiana, but was reared and married in Johnson County and from there came in October, 1851, and located on the tract of land in Franklin Township which with its many improvements is now the home of his son David. The farm today bears little resemblance to the tract of wild land which Edwin Utter acquired. He first introduced his family to a log cabin home. He lived there many years but in 1882 went to Akron, Indiana, later lived with his son David, but his death occurred in Fulton County. He was a man of unimpeachable integrity and it was said that his word was as good as his note. He served as supervisor of the township and as school director, and was a republican in his political proclivities. He constituted an exception to his family in the matter of politics. He had seven broth-

ers and two half-brothers, and all of them were democrats. Edwin Utter and wife had ten children, and those living today are: Milton H., of Claypool; David J.; Jacob B., of Fulton County; Luella, wife of Irvin Friend.

David J. Utter had his earliest recollections in the same environment where he is today busily engaged with farming. While a boy he attended the schools in winter sessions, and worked with his father in the summer. On March 23, 1882, he married Miss Eliza Landis, who was born in Fulton County.

After their marriage Mr. Utter and his oldest brother bought the 160 acres of the old homestead and conducted it in partnership for twenty years. He then bought his brother's interest and is now sole owner and proprietor. He breeds good grades of live stock, and his principal annual income comes from stock raised and fed on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Utter have six children: Cora is the wife of John Eber of Fulton County; Clarence is a farmer in Franklin Township; Frank married Ida Beeler, of Fulton County, and is now with the National Army at Camp Custer; Tressie is the wife of Henry D. Smith and they live on the home farm of Mr. Utter; Arthur married Bertha Baker, of Fulton County; James married Fern Gall and lives in Fulton County. Mr. Utter and family are members of the United Brethren Church at Beaver Dam. He is a republican and has served as supervisor.

George W. Groves, representing some of the oldest names in Kosciusko County history, is one of the prominent farmers and land owners of Wayne Township. His farm is known as Grovesland Farm, located four miles northeast of Warsaw. He has lived here nearly all his life and since acquiring the old homestead has developed it to the purposes of general farming and stock raising. It comprises 240 acres.

Mr. Groves was born on the farm where he resides, a son of Daniel and Amanda (Lightfoot) Groves. His father was born in Jackson, Ohio, in 1812, and his mother in Springfield, Ohio, September 2, 1815. The Groves family arrived in Kosciusko County about 1837, a year after the county was organized. They entered land in Wayne Township. The Lightfoots were also early arrivals, and Christopher Lightfoot, maternal grandfather of George W. Groves, was a surveyor by profession and laid out the Village of Leesburg. Daniel Groves and wife were married at Leesburg, and they then lived in that town for a time and from there moved to the farm owned by their son George. They were very liberal and active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and attended worship at Warsaw and at Morris Chapel. Daniel Groves was a leading republican of his day and a man who always kept himself well posted on current affairs. He died in 1875 and his widow passed away in 1895. They had four children: Mary E., wife of H. H. Conrad, of Anderson, Indiana; Catherine L., deceased, was the wife of Garrett W. Brown; W. A. Groves, who married Mary Selser, of Fayette County, Ohio; and George W

George W. Groves grew up on the old farm, and was educated in the country schools and the high school at Warsaw. He has always lived at home and looked after his parents during their lives and since then has been busily engaged in farming the old place. He is one of the prominent and sustaining members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Warsaw, and has served the church as trustee. He is affiliated with Warsaw Lodge No. 46, Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, and is a member of the Horse Thief Detective Association of the county. Politically he is a republican.

JOSEPH S. METZGER. The Metzgers are one of the oldest and most substantial families in the eastern part of Lake Township. They cleared much of that region from the wilderness, and as extensive land owners, farmers and citizens have used their resources to the general good and advancement of the community. One of the characteristics of the topography of that township is Metzger Ditch, which drains and has served to reclaim many valuable acres, and the Metzgers as a family bore a large share of the assessments required for the construction of this drainage outlet.

Mr. Joseph S. Metzger is one of the most successful members of this family. He has a large farm four miles east of Silver Lake, and in this community he was born August 24, 1865, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Studabaker) Metzger. His parents were both natives of Ohio, were married there and were early day comers to Kosciusko County. The country was then all in woods and swamps, and Joseph Metzger, Sr., had to clear out a space before he could erect his log cabin home. He was industrious, a man of exceptional judgment, and his prosperity was measured by the ownership of about a thousand acres of land. He was also one of the early leaders in the German Baptist Church. His large family consisted of six sons and six daughters, and those still living are Abe, Phoebe, Rebecca, Lydia, Isaac, Joseph S. and John S.

Joseph S. Metzger grew up on the home farm, was educated in the district schools, and carried an increasing burden of responsibilities on the home place until he was twenty-four.

February 27, 1890, he married Sarah G. Garber. They have three daughters: Alma, wife of Mark Miller; Elva, wife of Roy Cline; and Dorothea, unmarried. The two married daughters are both graduates of the common schools. The family are members of the Brethren Church at West Eel River. Mr. Metzger votes as a democrat. His farm comprises 342 acres, all in Lake Township, in sections 1 and 2, and it is one of the important units in the volume of production of grain and live stock by which Kosciusko County makes its showing in agricultural statistics of Indiana.

HON. FRANCIS E. BOWSER. With thirty years of continuous membership in the Kosciusko County Bar, Judge Bowser has won all the better distinctions and successes of the able lawyer, and to his present office as judge of the Fifty-Fourth Judicial Circuit he brought

all the experience, technical and temperamental qualifications which insure the impartial and thorough administration of justice.

A son of William H. Bowser, a prominent Kosciusko County citizen and old timer, Judge Francis E. was born in Kosciusko County, February 1, 1861. On the old homestead farm he spent his youth in the usual manner of country boys, attending local school and working as strength permitted. When he was about sixteen his parents moved into Warsaw, and in 1881 he graduated from the Warsaw High School. Then for two years he was a student in the University of Indiana at Bloomington, and also studied law with W. S. Marshall at Warsaw. His law studies covered altogether a period of about five years, and he was admitted to the bar in 1885. In the meantime he had also taught school, and taught his last term after his admission to practice.

Judge Bowser became an active member of the Warsaw bar in the fall of 1885 as a partner of A. G. Wood. This relationship was continued altogether for about twenty-three years, and there are few partnerships that endured longer and more successfully in the annals of the Kosciusko County Bar. In 1908 Francis E. Bowser was elected judge of the Fifty-fourth Indiana Judicial Circuit, and in 1914 he was re-elected for another term of six years. As a judge he has the confidence of both the bar and the general public, and he is regarded as one of the most competent men who have ever sat on the Circuit Court Bench in this district.

In politics Judge Bowser is a democrat. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar Mason and a Knight of Pythias. On June 20, 1894, he married Miss Regina Bitner. Her father, Daniel S. Bitner, was a well known citizen of Kosciusko County, and Mrs. Bowser is a granddaughter of George Moon, one of the early pioneers of this county. Judge Bowser and wife have two sons: Francis K. and George M. Francis K. is now a first lieutenant and adjutant with the Five Hundred and Thirty-ninth Engineers in France. George M. is in high school.

Benjamin F. Richardson. A great many people recognize in Benjamin F. Richardson the strongest individual force for general civic improvement and development in the City of Warsaw. In fact it would not be too much to credit him with Warsaw's present condition of prosperity. Mr. Richardson is a man who came up through struggle and adversity to a position as one of the foremost merchants in Northern Indiana, and the ability which enabled him to win business success also gained for him the confidence of his fellow citizens, who as frequently as he would consent has sought his leadership in public affairs. Mr. Richardson has been a resident of Kosciusko County for the past thirty-five years.

His birth occurred on a farm in Monroe County, Michigan, in Ida Township, August 9, 1851. The family were early settlers in Southern Michigan, and originated in England, where his paternal grandfather, Joseph Richardson, was born. He became a weaver

by trade and reached the foremanship in shops at Halifax, Yorkshire. As a young man he had also served with the British Army, and while stationed in Ireland wooed and won his bride. In 1848, with his wife and three married children, he came to America, settling in Monroe County, where he turned his attention to farming. There he and his wife spent the rest of their days. James Richardson, father of the Warsaw citizen and merchant, was born, reared and educated in England, and married there Mary Bradley. They were both quite young when they came with other members of the family to the United States in 1848. James Richardson in a few years had become a prominent factor in the life and affairs of Monroe County, Michigan. While living in England he had served a seven years' apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade in Manchester, but after coming to America farming was his principal work. He was a man of high general intelligence and sound practical sense, and these qualities led to his election as a member of the Michigan State Legislature. He was a loyal and patriotic citizen and during the Civil war one of his sons, Bradley Richardson, served as a private in the Federal army, became corporal of his company, and was severely wounded on the battlefield of Bull Run. When James Richardson died at his old home in Monroe County his passing was the occasion for many sincere tributes to his honorable and self-respecting career.

It was on the old home farm in Michigan that Benjamin F. Richardson had his youthful training and experience. A great deal of hard work was his portion in those days, and it was a steadfast ambition to amount to something in the world that enabled him to make better use of his limited advantages than would otherwise have been true. He attended the neighboring schools, taught in a log cabin, and early made up his mind to get into a broader field of activities than was bounded by the horizon of the farm on which he was reared. Before reaching his majority he left home and started the battle of life for himself by clerking in a feed store and driving a dray in Toledo, Ohio. Toledo was the training ground for his business career. He worked as clerk in a grocery store, and with experience in that occupation and with a capital, very slowly and gradually realized, he finally was able to embark in the grocery trade for himself.

It was in 1883 that Mr. Richardson came to Warsaw, Indiana, and still with very limited capital established a retail dry goods business. He encountered many adversities, but determination to succeed coupled with hard work finally had its just rewards, and he is now undoubtedly one of the foremost merchants of the city. While he has had a man's work in looking after his own store and enterprise, public spirit has been one of the dominating qualities of his character. For years he has advocated a better and greater Warsaw. It was largely his views and vigorous opinions on municipal affairs that led to his election to the City Council. While a member of that body, and under his energetic and shrewd leadership, the city acquired those substantial municipal improvements represented by sewerage, sidewalks, waterworks and other facilities. In 1901 he was elected

mayor of the city to fill out an unexpired term, and this was followed by a full term, at the end of which it was his hope and expectation to retire from public affairs. However, in 1912, the citizens of Warsaw again required the leadership of such a man as Mr. Richardson, and he again consented reluctantly to acceptance of the office. He has been a wise and painstaking, capable and thoroughly able public official. In fraternal affairs he is a Knight Templar and thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, and while a member of no religious organization has been an active supporter of religious work and charity.

In 1887 Mr. Richardson married Miss Julia E. Moran, of Toledo. Their two children are both deceased.

JACOB B. NEFF is one of the best known residents of Kosciusko and Elkhart Counties. He is a man who has made his success in life by a tremendous exertion of energy and natural ability. When he married he had little or no property, but at the present time is owner of one of the best farms in Van Buren Township of this county, is also president of the Farmers State Bank of Milford, and is in a position to influence much of the business and community life.

Mr. Neff was born on a farm in Elkhart County, Indiana, December 29, 1859, son of Daniel and Lydia (Brown) Neff. His father was a native of Virginia and his mother was born near Toronto, Canada. Their respective families settled in Elkhart County in pioneer times, and Daniel Neff and wife were married there and became farmers in Jackson Township, where they spent the rest of their years. Daniel Neff was a man of more than ordinary local prominence, was known for his upright and honest character, and for a number of years was a minister in the Church of the Brethren. He and his wife had ten children: William B., now living in Michigan; James, who died in Kosciusko County; Jacob B.; Lydia, widow of Jacob R. Symensma, living in Elkhart County; Daniel, of Milford; Henry, of Elkhart County; Jesse and Omar F., both of Milford; Frances M., of Van Buren Township; and Susie, wife of Charles Snyder, living in Jackson Township of Elkhart County.

Jacob B. Neff taught school for eight years continuously before his marriage. At the age of twenty-eight he married Chloe Dubbs. She was born in Elkhart County. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Neff moved to a farm southeast of Milford, and resided there for seventeen years. Since then they have made their home in Milford, but Mr. Neff still owns a fine estate of 270 acres. He was one of the organizers and charter members of the Farmers State Bank of Milford, which was established in 1915. He has been its president from the beginning, and is associated with some of the best known citizens in this part of the state on the board of directors. Mr. Neff is also president of the Royal Telephone Company. He is a democrat in politics, has taken quite an active part in local affairs, and is one of the deacons of the Church of the Brethren at Milford. He was nominated for the office of Trustee of Van Buren Township in 1918 by the democrats of the township.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob B. Neff

He and his wife have two living children: Gladys is a graduate of the Milford High School and of Goshen College, and is now the wife of Lawrence Dewart, and they live in Van Buren Township. Bertha M. is a graduate of the Milford High School, finished a music course in the North Manchester College, and was also a student in the American Conservatory of Music at Chicago.

Ira Gans. The business and records of Kosciusko County have never been entrusted to more efficient hands than to the present county recorder, Ira Gans, who entered upon his official duties in January, 1915, for the regular term of four years. Mr. Gans is a native son of Kosciusko County and his family were among the most substantial early settlers. His active career has been divided between farming, the postal service and other duties and interests, and as a citizen his popularity has been of that type which is only extended to men of the highest integrity and public usefulness.

The Gans family was established in Kosciusko County by his grandfather John Gans, who came from Stark County, Ohio, to Kosciusko County, Indiana, a number of years before the Civil war and settled in Turkey Creek Township near the head of what was then called Nine-Mile Lake, now Lake Wawasee. John Gans had married Elizabeth Shafer, and out of their nine children only two are now living. Jacob Gans, one of their sons, was a very small boy when brought to the wilderness of Kosciusko County, grew to manhood there, and as a boy finished his limited schooling in the old log schoolhouse in the McClintick woods. He farmed all his active years, held a few local offices, was a member of the Dunkard religious faith, a democrat in politics, and, like his father before him, commanded universal esteem. Liberal in his regard for his fellow men, charitable in his views, he fitly represented the best elements of citizenship in Kosciusko County. Jacob Gans married Ellen Shock, daughter of Isaiah Shock, whose people were also pioneer settlers in Kosciusko. She died in 1907, while Jacob Gans passed away in 1913. Their five children were: Ira, Ida, Emma, John and William, and of these Emma died at the age of twenty-two.

The present recorder of Kosciusko County was the oldest of his parents' children, and was born April 20, 1869. Having spent all his years in this county, he is intensely loyal to its interests and its general welfare and progress. His early home was one of simple comforts and high ideals, and after he had finished his education in the public schools he took up the substantial vocation of the farmer. For sixteen years he carried the mail from Vawter Park to Leesburg by way of Oswego and North Webster.

Mr. Gans has a large and loyal following among the people of Kosciusko County. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Loyal Order of Moose and has long been active in the republican party. It was the votes of a handsome majority which called him to his present office in 1914, his official term beginning January 1, 1915. On December 5, 1899, he married Miss Lena Poppenfoose,

daughter of Harmena Poppenfoose. The two children of their marriage, Margaret and Carroll DeWitt, both died in early childhood. Mrs. Gans is a member of the Church of God.

EDGAR S. HOVER is a native of Kosciusko County and for many years has been successfully identified with the farm enterprise of Monroe Township. He is perhaps most widely known over the county as operator of a grain threshing outfit. He gained his first experience in this business in Illinois and since 1900 has been proprietor of a complete equipment for power threshing and has threshed grain for most of the farmers throughout the county. The Hover farm is in section 7 of Monroe Township, on rural route No. 6 out of Warsaw.

Mr. Hover was born in Washington Township, this county, on section 34, southwest of Pierceton, December 27, 1859. He is a son of Samuel S. and Minerva J. (Pratt) Hover. His father was born in Logan County, Ohio, and after his marriage came to Indiana and located on land in section 34 of Washington Township. The family lived there to the spring of 1860, when they removed to Monroe Township. Samuel S. Hover died here February 17, 1897. He is a republican and a member of the Presbyterian church. His wife, who is still living in Monroe Township, is a Methodist. They had two sons, James S. and Edgar S., the former also a farmer in Monroe Township.

Edgar S. Hover grew up on his father's farm, and was educated in the common schools. At the age of nineteen he left home, and had a varied experience for some years in Illinois and other localities. On March 12, 1882, he married Miss Mary S. Linn. She was born in Prairie Township of Kosciusko County March 31, 1858. When she was thirteen years old her parents moved to Clay Township, where she finished her education in the district schools. Mr. and Mrs. Hover after their marriage moved to a farm near the old homestead but subsequently sold that and bought the place where they now reside, with all the improvements and comforts and conveniences of country living.

They have six children: Dessie B., a graduate of the common schools, is the wife of Frederick Hartsock; Walter D. married Bessie East and lives in Monroe Township; Emma G., a graduate of the high school and of Valparaiso University, is the wife of Edward Polk, of Monroe Township; Callie is the wife of Arch Kirkendall, of Clay Township; Lenna L., a graduate of the common schools, married Herschel Boyer; Wilma, who is now attending high school at Warsaw. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Hover has served as trustee of the church. He is a member of Kosciusko Lodge No. 62 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in politics has been quite prominent in his locality as a republican.

WILLIAM H. BUTTERBAUGH, proprietor of a farm in Lake Township, has made his years and experience count toward useful ends not only as a farmer but as a good citizen and as a worker in church, politics and other affairs of his community.

The farm that he now owns was his birthplace. He was born April 18, 1851, son of John and Sarah (Montel) Butterbaugh. His father was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, and came to Kosciusko County about 1840. His wife was also a native of Montgomery County. They grew up and married in Indiana, and soon settled on the farm now owned by their son William. The father died here in 1895 and the mother July 3, 1885. They were members of the Dunkard church and in politics the father was a republican. Of their eight children only two are now living, William H. and Mahlon, the latter a resident of Bloomington, Indiana.

William H. Butterbaugh spent his early life on the home farm, attended the district schools, and in 1876 married Miss Viola Dirck. She was born in Seward Township of this county, November 18, 1857, and was reared in Wabash County. Her father, Henry Dirck, was a native of Ohio, and died in September, 1916. He married in Ohio, but spent most of his life in Indiana. Mrs. Dirck is still living. Her family comprises eight children: Ida, wife of Emanuel Homan; Viola, Mrs. Butterbaugh; Orpha, deceased wife of Charles Wells; Sadie, wife of John Landis; Leonard, a farmer in Michigan; Samantha, wife of Joe Swihart, of Silver Lake; Ada, wife of Robert Warren; and Asa, who farms part of the old homestead.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Butterbaugh rented the old farm and finally bought 197½ acres there. The farm has since been reduced to 148 acres, and during his more active years Mr. Butterbaugh gave much attention to the breeding of Hereford cattle. He has been prospered, and has used his means and position in the community to forward many worthy enterprises. He and his family are members of the First Brethren Church and in politics he has been active as a republican. Mr. and Mrs. Butterbaugh have two children and four grandchildren. Hazel, their older daughter, is a graduate of the common schools and wife of Alvin Perry of Wabash County. Nellie M. is also a graduate of the common schools and the wife of Glenn Walthen. Mr. and Mrs. Walthen live with her father.

Levi Fruit has been one of the leading farmers and stockmen of Lake Township for many years. For twenty-five years he has annually fed a bunch of cattle and hogs on his farm, and for the past seven years has been an extensive shipper both of his own stock and of that of other growers. Mr. Fruit's farm comprises 160 acres in Lake Township, and 101 acres in Jackson Township, 2½ miles south of Packerton.

Most of his life has been spent in the southeastern corner of Kosciusko County, and he was born two miles south in Wabash County November 26, 1864, a son of Christian and Frances (Snell) Fruit. His father, who was born in Germany in 1827, was brought to the United States a boy of twelve years, and about that time the Fruit family established a pioneer home in Jackson Township of this county. Christian Fruit married Frances Snell, a member of the old and prominent name of that family in Jackson Township. After their

marriage they located in Wabash County, but eventually returned to Jackson Township and spent the rest of their days here. He died in 1914 and the mother in 1915. Both were members of the Conservative Brethren Church. Of their nine children six are living: Anna, wife of John Brumbaugh, a prominent citizen of Huntington County; Sophia, wife of Ellis Lehmer, of North Manchester; John, of North Manchester; Levi; Frances, wife of Charles Livezy, of Lake Township; and Susan, wife of Joseph Cripe, of North Manchester.

Levi Fruit spent his boyhood and youth in Jackson Township, and attended the neighboring district schools. On April 8, 1891, he married Miss Florence C. Ganote, who was born in Clarke County, Indiana, November 28, 1864. She came to Kosciusko County at the age of twenty-two, and had in the meantime completed the course of the common and high schools. Mr. and Mrs. Fruit have five living children, Calvin, a graduate of the common schools; Frank, who has taken one year in a commercial school; Louise and Ernest, both graduates of the common schools; and Walter, who finished the common school course in 1918. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at North Manchester. Mr. Fruit's politics has been in line with the republican party for many years.

Wilbert F. McGary, manager of the Pierceton Lumber Company, is the example of a young man of enterprise and ability who started life without capital and by his undivided energies attains a successful and influential position in business and community affairs.

He was born at Middlebury, Indiana, June 23, 1881, a son of Charles and Mary (Miles) McGary. His parents are still living at Middlebury. Of their two children the daughter Rosa died at the age of twenty-one.

Wilbert F. McGary was educated in the public schools at Middlebury, also had a high school course and learned and followed for four years the painter's trade. Since then he has given his attention almost entirely to the lumber business. For seven years he was with the Griner Brothers at Middlebury, then for two years was with a lumber firm at Schoolcraft, Michigan, and on March 4, 1917, came to Pierceton and with W. B. Schaefer of South Bend owns the Pierceton Lumber Company yards and Mr. McGary is the active manager of the business.

Mr. McGary married for his first wife Elnora T. Anderhalt. She was reared at Sturgis, Michigan, and died in 1914. At Schoolcraft, Michigan, Mr. McGary married Ivah Schug. She is a graduate of the high school at Schoolcraft and was a teacher before her marriage. They are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. McGary is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter at Schoolcraft. In politics he is a republican, and while a resident of Middlebury served as a member of the city board.

E. M. Radcliff is one of the successful business men of Kosciusko County, has had a long and varied career as a merchant, teacher and in other business affairs, and is now proprietor of the E. M. Radcliff

Flour & Feed Exchange at Pierceton. Mr. Radcliff knows the general provision and feed business from the standpoint of an expert in experience and of long study, and while he is a thorough business man it is also his ideal and aim to make his business and his experience count as a real service to the community in which it is located.

Mr. Radcliff was born in Vinton County, Ohio, June 1, 1853, a son of Hiram and Margaret (Rogers) Radcliff. Both parents were natives of Vinton County. The father was born there in 1828. The mother died in Vinton County when a comparatively young woman. She left two children, E. M. and Rachel A. The latter is the wife of I. N. Bryan, of Pierceton, Indiana. In 1862 Hiram Radcliff moved with his family to Whitley County, Indiana, and spent the rest of his life there as a farmer. By a second wife he had the following children: John L. and C. O., merchants at Pierceton; Frank H., deceased: Roscoe R., a coal dealer at Pierceton; and Zelda, wife of John McDonald, a farmer in Whitley County.

E. M. Radcliff was nine years old when his father moved to Whitley County, and he grew up on a farm there and was educated chiefly in the public schools of Larwell. He did his first work as a teacher in Whitley County and taught seven winter terms in the country district. He also had some experience in the intervals as a merchant. Mr. Radcliff was one of the early students of the old Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, now Valparaiso University. He first entered that institution in 1872, about the time it was founded, and graduated in both the normal and commercial courses. For five years he was a merchant at Larwell, sold out and moved to Sidney, where he bought a tract of land and laid out the town of Sidney and gave that village its first impetus to growth. He remained there 4½ years and in 1884 came to Pierceton, a date which makes him one of the oldest business men and residents of that village. He was first in business at Pierceton under the firm name of Radcliff & McNamara. This firm continued for sixteen years. Mr. Radcliff then sold his interests and for four years was alone in business, and after selling out his store to his brother entered his present special line as a flour and feed merchant, and has conducted the E. M. Radcliff Flour & Feed Exchange successfully for seven years.

March 30, 1876, Mr. Radcliff married Mary M. Norris, who was born and reared in Whitley County, and had a good public school education. They have only one child, Dr. F. E. Radcliff, of Bourbon, Indiana. Doctor Radcliff was educated in the high school at Pierceton, and is a graduate of the Indiana Medical College, since which date he has pursued his professional career with marked appreciation and success. He married Lela Knox.

The Radcliff family are members of the Baptist church. Mr. Radcliff has been active in church affairs, and is also affiliated with Pierceton Lodge No. 377, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Warsaw Chapter No. 48, Royal Arch Masons, and Warsaw Commandery No. 10, Knights Templars. Politically he is a republican, but has practically given all his time to business without seeking the honors of office.

CLYDE L. BISHOP is a jeweler by trade, was in that business at Pierceton for a number of years, but is now finding profitable and congenial employment in looking after his broad acres and his other interests as an agriculturist and stockman on his farm near Pierceton in Washington Township.

A native of Kosciusko County, he was born in Monroe Township December 16, 1877, son of Marquis and Harriet (Baker) Bishop. His father was born in Crawford County, Ohio, and his mother in Hancock County, that state. She came with her parents to Kosciusko County, while Marquis Bishop reached here in young manhood. After his marriage he farmed successfully, owned a large amount of land, and was especially well known as a breeder of registered livestock. He was an active factor in politics and at one time held the office of township trustee.

Clyde L. Bishop was one of two children and the only one now living. He grew up on the home farm in Monroe Township, and attended both the grammar and high schools. At the age of eighteen he went to Elgin, Illinois, and served a long and thorough apprenticeship at the watchmaking and jewelry trades. He followed his occupation as a journeyman in different places and for five years was in business for himself at Pierceton. His farm of 155 acres adjoins the corporation limits on the north, and he is one of the men in this county who are helping swell the volume of agricultural products not only as a matter of professional pride and good business practice, but also as an aid toward winning the war.

October 25, 1899, Mr. Bishop married Miss Jessie Knox. Mrs. Bishop is a graduate of the Pierceton High School. They have four children: Merwood, a high school boy; Harold, in the grade schools; and Robert and Mary. Mrs. Bishop is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Bishop is a republican in politics and is affiliated with Pierceton Lodge No. 277, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

JOHN L. ANDREAS. When any new and progressive enterprise breaks the routine of the community life of Pierceton it is pretty certain that John L. Andreas has a hand in it, if he is not primarily responsible for the undertaking. Mr. Andreas during his residence at Pierceton has been a lumberman, farmer, manufacturer, and more than any one else has helped revive an old time agricultural industry, hemp raising and manufacturing. There has never been any difficulty in raising hemp, but the handling of the crop has presented difficulties that could only be overcome by the hardest and most arduous manual labor. Mr. Andreas is responsible for some of the machinery and appliances which lighten the burden of hemp culture. He is inventor and manufacturer of hemp breaking machinery and of practically a complete installation of apparatus used in preparing hemp between the field and the final processes of manufacture.

Mr. Andreas is a native of Ohio. He was born near Nevada in Wyandotte County in June, 1867. His boyhood days were spent there but in 1877 he came to Indiana and finished his education with a

business course in Valparaiso. For the next five years he did office work and floor work in a general store at Akron, Indiana, and then came to Pierceton and for a number of years was chiefly identified with the lumber industry. He was associated with his brother and they both bought and sold lumber and timber. Mr. Andreas made this business his chief work until 1911.

In 1895 he married Miss Ida A. Brower, of Kosciusko County. She is a graduate of the local high school. They have three children. Susie G. is attending high school, and she was a student of St. Mary's University. The two younger children are John L., Jr., aged seven, and Sarah, aged three. Mrs. Andreas is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Andreas is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Akron, Indiana, and in politics is independent.

His home farm comprises 188 acres adjoining Pierceton, but altogether he has under cultivation about 315 acres. He is a specialist in some of the truck crops, including cabbages and tomatoes. As a hemp raiser he began on a very small scale, but especially emphasized the matter of quality. He increased his fields until he has 300 acres in cultivation. He also began the manufacture of hemp breaking machinery on a very small scale, and he put in the first drying kilns for curing hemp. A large part of his time is now taken up with installing and manufacturing hemp dryers, breaking machines and cleaning plants. He has patents to cover his special original machinery.

ELMER E. MCCARTER. Among the men who have lived longest in Kosciusko County a place of special honor belongs to Elmer E. McCarter for his unique record as a teacher in Washington Township. In later years Mr. McCarter has applied his industry successfully to the management of a first class truck farm, and is the present trustee of the township.

He was born in Hamilton County, Indiana, April 4, 1861, son of Alfred G. and Sarah A. (Stinson) McCarter. The McCarter family are of old Pennsylvania stock. Grandfather William McCarter was born in Pennsylvania January 1, 1800, and was a bricklayer by trade. He married Harriet McCord, who was born in Philadelphia November 27, 1800.

Alfred G. McCarter, father of Elmer E., was born at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, May 16, 1827, and is well remembered in Kosciusko and other Indiana counties for his work as a Methodist missionary and minister. He grew up in Montgomery County, Ohio, began the trade of cabinet maker at Dayton, and in that trade worked as a journeyman for seven or eight years in different towns and localities. In 1852 he was licensed as a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Logansport and in 1853 was received into the North Indiana Conference. He did his work as a missionary preacher in nearly every county of Northern Indiana, and was retired from the ministry in 1880. In 1854 he was pastor of the churches west of Warsaw in Kosciusko County, in 1856 was on the Pierceton circuit, in 1858 on the Leesburg circuit, in 1872 on the Silver Lake circuit, and in 1873

on the West circuit. After 1880 he lived retired on his wife's farm in section 17 of Washington Township.

Rev. Mr. McCarter married June 17, 1858, Sarah A. Stinson, who was born in Pike County, Ohio, February 26, 1838. She came with her parents to Indiana and grew up in Kosciusko County. Five children were born to their marriage and four are still living: George W., of Warsaw; Elmer E.; Luella, widow of Morton Little; and Harriet, wife of Dr. A. B. Rimer, of Remington, Indiana.

Elmer E. McCarter grew up on a farm, and was educated in public schools in different localities. He also attended the Methodist College at Fort Wayne. He began teaching in early life, and for twenty-nine consecutive years had charge of one school in Washington Township, where toward the last he taught some of the children of his early pupils.

April 7, 1886, Mr. McCarter married Miss Lou Baker, who was born in Kosciusko County and was educated in the local public schools. For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. McCarter have lived on a small but highly productive farm in Washington Township, comprising seventeen acres, which they have operated as a fruit and truck farm. They have three children: Nina is a graduate of the Warsaw High School, also carried her higher education through the University of Chicago, and is now a teacher in the Pierceton High School. Jacob C., a graduate of the local high school, is connected with a wholesale jewelery house in Chicago. Alfred F. is a graduate of the Pierceton High School and is still at home with his parents. The family are members of the Methodist Church at Pierceton and Mr. McCarter has served on the official board and also as superintendent of the Sunday school for over twenty years. In politics he is a republican but his only public office has been his present responsibility as trustee of Washington Township.

Joshua Weaver is one of the prominent residents of Monroe Township, where he has conducted a well managed and profitable farm for a number of years. His home is on route No. 1 out of Sidney and located four miles northeast of that village.

Mr. Weaver was born in Wood County, Ohio, August 17, 1851, and lived in that section of the Buckeye state for many years before coming to Indiana. His parents, John and Harriet (Martin) Weaver were born and married in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and from there moved to Bloom Township in Wood County, Ohio. They were among the substantial farming element of that section the rest of their lives. The father was a democrat and quite active in party affairs and filled office as township assessor, treasurer and trustee. Of the ten children only two are now living: Mary E. and Joshua. Mary is the wife of Samuel Kachensbarge, of North Baltimore, Ohio.

Joshua Weaver was reared on his father's farm in Wood County and was given a district school education. He lived at home with his parents to the age of twenty-five. On September 13, 1877, he married Amy A. Whitacre. She was born in Wood County and was educated in the schools of that locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver spent nearly thirty years on a farm in Wood County but in 1905 sold out and moved to Monroe Township of Kosciusko County, where they have a large and well managed farm of 120 acres. Mr. Weaver has always been very successful in handling livestock and makes that an important feature of his farm work.

They have four children. Mary, a graduate of the high school and formerly a teacher, is the wife of Charles Dickinson and lives at Bakersfield, California. Isaac is a worker in the oil fields of California. Alta, a graduate of high school, married Charles Tracy, living near Casey, Illinois. Earl is an oil well driller in California.

Mr. Weaver is one of the deacons of the Christian Church in his neighborhood. As a democrat he has filled several offices and while in Bloom Township, Ohio, was township trustee.

Samuel Guy, whose country home is known as Springdale Farm, situated two miles northwest of Pierceton on route No. 3, has spent practically all his life in Kosciusko County. He began here with small means, and his own work has contributed to his success until he now has one of the better and larger farms of this section of the county.

He was born in Prairie Township of Kosciusko County, July 11, 1858, son of Robert and Mary (Vanator) Guy. His mother was born in Morrow County, Ohio. His father died January 1, 1866, and after his death the mother married Mr. E. J. Smith. Both are now deceased, and her children were by her first marriage, named Harriet and Samuel. Harriet is unmarried and lives with her brother.

Samuel Guy lived on the old homestead in Prairie Township until he was sixteen, when his mother moved to the place he now occupies in Washington Township in 1874. His education was the product of attending the district schools until the age of sixteen and after that he went to work and used his strength in plowing and planting and otherwise helping in the management of the farm. In that way he grew to maturity and his associations with agricultural enterprise in this county have been continuous for forty years.

On November 24, 1887, he married Miss Ina V. Crum. Mrs. Guy was born in Turkey Creek Township in June, 1869, but at the age of three years her parents died and after that she grew up in Wabash County with her paternal grandmother. She was educated in the public schools until about the time of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Guy had one child, Roy Martin, who died at the age of fifteen.

Mrs. Guy is one of the prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Pierceton. Mr. Guy is affiliated with Pierceton Lodge No. 377, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the Consistory of Scottish Rite at Fort Wayne. Both are active in Pierceton Chapter No. 56 of the Eastern Star, and Mrs. Guy is a past worthy matron of its Chapter and is also past lady commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees. In politics Mr. Guy votes as a republican. The farm which has been the scene of his mature activities for so many years and which has amply repaid his efforts and management comprises 140 acres and it fully justifies its name and title as Springdale Farm.

JOHN W. FAULKNER. One of the enterprising and progressive men who are principally engaged in agricultural pursuits in Kosciusko County, John W. Faulkner brought to his calling excellent judgment and good business methods, and his labors have been crowned with success. He owns a good and well managed farm of 160 acres in Monroe Township, 3½ miles south of Pierceton on rural route No. 2.

Mr. Faulkner was born in this township September 7, 1850, son of Nelson and Julia A. (King) Faulkner. His father was born in New York State and his mother in Ohio. Nelson Faulkner came to Indiana at the age of twenty-one, and became a resident of Kosciusko County. The King family came to the state in pioneer times and first located at Kendallville, and afterwards moved to Noble County, where they died. Nelson Faulkner and wife had six children, four of whom are still living: Barbara, wife of Mr. Hoagland, of Warsaw; John W.; Louisa, wife of William Klingle; Hannah, wife of William Mounson; Rachel, who married John Kegg, and is now deceased; and Isaac N., deceased.

John W. Faulkner spent his early days on the old farm in Monroe Township, was educated in the common schools, and lived at home until his parents moved to Pierceton. On September 2, 1874, he married Miss Alice V. Norris. Mrs. Faulkner was born in Wabash County, Indiana, December 9, 1854, but was brought to Kosciusko County as a child by her parents, who located in Monroe Township. Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner have the following children living: Lilly M., wife of George W. Campbell; Lura O., wife of James R. Winsley; Lula A.. wife of George W. Winsley; Loyal C., who married Eva M. Headlee and lives on an adjoining farm; and Lyman M., who married Fannie F. Clover and is a farmer in Monroe Township.

The family are members of the Christian Church and Mr. Faulkner is a republican.

ELSON V. BOWMAN. One of the prosperous farmers of Monroe Township who conducts his extensive operations with method and good judgment is Elson V. Bowman, whose home is 2½ miles southeast of Pierceton on rural route No. 2.

Mr. Bowman was born on the farm where he now lives February 22, 1886, son of Thomas and Eliza (Vandergrift) Bowman. His parents are still living. Thomas Bowman was born in Stark County, Ohio, November 23, 1844, was reared and educated there, and married on February 23, 1886, Miss Vandergrift, who was born May 14, 1846. In 1872 they came to Kosciusko County, Ohio, and have been among the substantial people of this community for over forty-five years. Thomas Bowman is a veteran of the Union Army, having enlisted in the 25th Ohio Battery and saw active service for three years. He is now a member of the Grand Army Post at Pierceton, Indiana, and in politics is a republican. Thomas Bowman and wife have six children, all still living: O. H. Bowman, of Monroe Township; Grace, wife of J. L. Helwig, of Warsaw; Emily, wife of O. H. Harmon, of Burlington, Colorado; Josephine, wife of C. L. Hass, of Pierceton; Crete, who is unmarried; and Elson.

Elson V. Bowman was educated in the district schools, also attended Pierceton High School one year, and the scene of his active labors as a farmer is the place where he was born and reared.

December 18, 1907, Mr. Bowman married Miss Alta Tatman, of LaPorte County. She is a graduate of the Union Mills High School and was a teacher two terms before her marriage. They have two children, Alice, attending the Pierceton public schools and Florence, aged five years. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church and in politics Mr. Bowman is a republican.

ORVIL S. YEAGER. There is no local office for which the qualifications of candidates are more carefully scrutinized than that of township trustee. The citizens of Jefferson Township have congratulated themselves upon the work and efficiency shown by the present incumbent of that office. Orvil S. Yeager, who has fully deserved the confidence of the community and is giving a very careful administration of the affairs entrusted to him.

Mr. Yeager, whose home is 6½ miles southwest of Milford, was born in Tippecanoe Township of Kosciusko County, August 27, 1866, son of Andrew and Clarissa (Hull) Yeager. His father was a native of Canada and his mother of Ohio, and they married in Indiana. They lived for several years in Tippecanoe Township and finally settled near Nappanee. Both were members of the Church of God and the father was a deacon. In politics he voted as a republican. They had eleven children, and those now living are Charles, Annis, Ida, Rosa, Orvil and Orlando, twins, Clemma, Eva and Leonard.

Orvil S. Yeager grew up on the homestead and attended the common schools. At the age of twenty-one he started out on his own account and was a farm worker for several years.

December 28, 1889, he married Miss Lizzie Carris, a native of Indiana and reared in Kosciusko County. Mr. and Mrs. Yeager are members of the Evangelical Church and he is one of the church trustees and is very active in Sunday school. His fine home comprises twenty-seven acres in Jefferson Township. In politics he is a republican.

DAVID H. LESSIG. There was no more admirable figure in Warsaw business circles than the late David H. Lessig, who passed away, and with his passing left vacant a high position in the community, on February 12, 1913. Those who were only familiar with him during the last twenty or thirty years of his life knew him as a man prosperous and influential beyond the ordinary. Those whose memory went further back could recall some of the hardships and obstacles which he had to overcome in his advance to success. Along the strict lines of integrity and honor he gained some of the best prizes of life.

A native of Indiana, he was born on a farm near Goshen September 4, 1851, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hart) Lessig. When he was a small boy his parents moved to Leesburg in Kosciusko County. There the father engaged in merchandising. David H. Lessig was reared to manhood in the Leesburg locality, educated by private tutors

and in the public schools of Leesburg, and when only eighteen taught his first term of school. He continued teaching for two years. Early in life he had realized the importance of securing a good education. He never relaxed his studies, his close observations of men, and he was a sound reasoner in everything he undertook.

He was only sixteen years of age when his father died. From that time forward he had to mold his destiny according to his own energies, ambitions and ideals. Many men more fortunate in their early environment might well envy what Mr. Lessig accomplished.

Prior to attaining his majority he came to Warsaw as deputy county clerk under Gen. Reub. Williams. He remained in the Court House for three years. Returning to Leesburg, he took the post of station agent for the Big Four Railroad Company, and also served as bookkeeper for the firm of H. B. Stanley, grain dealers. Gradually he accumulated experience and some limited capital, and with this as a basis engaged in mercantile pursuits on his own account. He also during this period of his life served as trustee of Plain Township for four years, and for a similar length of time as postmaster of Leesburg.

No man in the county was better fitted for public responsibilities. In 1894 he was elected auditor of Kosciusko County, and remained in charge of that office in the Court House at Warsaw for four years. The day following the expiration of his term of office he was elected president of the Lake City Bank, and this was the office with which he was most familiarly identified and which he administered with exceptional ability until his death. He had also assisted in organizing the Leesburg Grain and Milling Company and served as president of that until the close of his life.

For nine years Mr. Lessig was a member of the Board of Education and was its secretary when the fine new high school building was erected in Warsaw. He was one of the organizers of the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce, and continued on its board of directors until he was called away by death.

On March 29, 1877, Mr. Lessig married Miss Fannie Richardson, of Rochester, New York. She died on the first anniversary of their wedding. She left one daughter, Frances R., who married Earl Conrad and they have a daughter named Mary Louise. On March 9, 1888, Mr. Lessig married Miss Mary Eugenia Killbury, of Hornellsville, New York. Mrs. Lessig still lives at the old home in Warsaw, and is the mother of four children. The oldest, Harriet Louise, is Mrs. Harry Wann. The other three children are Joseph S., Donald H. and Eleanor H.

The early years of Mr. Lessig were fraught with hardships and privations. This fact undoubtedly led to his being ever ready to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate than himself. Of a studious turn of mind, he was also genial, making friends readily, and invariably retaining these friendships to the end. Few men stood higher in the community because of native ability, energy and unostentatious charity. He was a Royal Arch Mason, a republican in politics, and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

ANDREW J. HILL. An esteemed and highly respected citizen of Kosciusco County and one of its enterprising and progressive farmers, Andrew J. Hill has for many years been intimately associated with the development and promotion of agricultural interests in Seward Township. The esteem in which he is held is well reflected in the fact that he is the present trustee of the township, and this is not the only position for which his fellow citizens have indicated their absolute trust and confidence in his ability to fill.

Mr. Hill was born in Lake Township of this county February 18, 1863, a son of Charles and Mary (Batzner) Hill. His father was born in Pennsylvania July 6, 1809. His mother was born in Germany December 11, 1829, and as a girl of nine years was brought to this country by her parents, who settled in Southeastern Indiana. Mary Batzner was the second wife of Charles Hill, and their five children were: Sarena, who died at the age of fifteen; Andrew J.; Albert, who died at the age of eleven; Danie, who died when twenty-one years old; and Mary, wife of Clyde McKnight, of Indianapolis.

Andrew J. Hill grew up in Lake Township, made the most of his advantages in the district schools, and he called his parents' home his own until he was twenty-one. But from the age of nineteen he was making his own way in the world and on June 9, 1888, at the age of twenty-five, he really established himself in life when he married Emma Perry. Mrs. Hill was born in Pleasant Township of Wabash County. After their marriage they moved to the Village of Silver Lake, where he was in business for a time, but in 1892 moved to his farm of 161 acres, and to its improvement and cultivation he has given his closest attention now for over a quarter of a century.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill became the parents of nine children: Dean C., a graduate of the common schools is now serving in the United States Army; Herbert, also a common school graduate, is still at home but may also be called into the army; Eunice, wife of David Wood; Icel, wife of Russell Shoemaker; Augustus D., who is a graduate of the high school of Silver Lake and of the Normal English department of North Manchester College; Grace, a high school student; Priscilla, John and Pauline, who are the younger children and are still to finish their education in the common schools.

Mr. Hill is affiliated with Lake View Lodge No. 165, Knights of Pythias, and with the Loyal Order of Moose. In politics he is a democrat. Before his election to his present office he served as township assessor and at this writing is democratic nominee for county commissioner.

WESLEY STACKHOUSE, a native of Kosciusko County, and practically a lifelong resident of Scott Township, has given his capable attention to farming and with such good results that he now enjoys an enviable prosperity and is well able to relieve himself of the heavier responsibilities that formerly engaged him. However, he is still living on his comfortable rural estate in Scott Township.

He was born in that township October 15, 1851, son of John and Hannah Stackhouse. His parents were both natives of England,

where they were reared and married, and all their children except Wesley were born in England. As a family they came to the United States about 1847 and were pioneers in Kosciusko County. They took an active part in church matters and the father was a republican. Of their children three are still living: Hugh, William and Wesley. Hugh still occupies the old homestead, while William is also a well known farmer of Scott Township.

Mr. Wesley Stackhouse was well educated, partly in district and partly in select schools. He married Miss Celestia Gearhart, who was also born in Scott Township. She was a faithful companion and mother to her children, and her loss was widely lamented. She died in January, 1914. Of her nine children all but one are still living: Ella, James, Ed, Leonard, Lulu, William, Allie, Fred and Hobert.

The family are members of the Christian Church and Mr. Stackhouse is one of the trustees. In politics he is a republican. His farm, representing his labor and good management, comprises 180 acres. Mr. Stackhouse has accepted the opportunities afforded by his prosperity to see much of this country. In 1914 he made an interesting journey to California and saw much of the country that has been so widely celebrated in literature. In the fall of 1917 he toured the East, including the cities of Boston, New York and Washington, and was there at a time when he could observe the National Legislature in session and see much of the life of the capital. On each of these trips he was absent from home about two months.

James E. Guy. The world is now interested as never before in the production of farms both in the aggregate and individually. That Kosciusko County is doing its full share toward swelling the volume of farm products is well known, and one of the men in the vanguard of this work is James E. Guy, whose name and experience are especially associated with the breeding of Hereford cattle. He has probably the best herd of White Faces in the county. His herd leader is Meal Ticket No. 101793, an animal that exemplifies all the splendid qualities of this great beef stock. Mr. Guy has twelve cows and heifers. His farm is in Wayne Township 2½ miles west of Warsaw, and comprises 130 acres in his home place, while he owns another eighty acres two miles south.

On the home farm where he now lives Mr. Guy was born May 4, 1870, son of James and Ruhama (Creighton) Guy. His father was a native of Ohio. Both families came to Kosciusko County in early days, and the parents grew to maturity here and married and then settled on the farm where they spent the rest of their lives. Mr. James Guy, Sr., was born in 1819. The mother died fifteen years ago. In politics James Guy, Sr., was a republican. Of the nine children eight are still living: Henry, a farmer in Wayne Township; Laura, wife of B. F. Foulk, of Warsaw; Mary, wife of George Heater, of Warsaw; Jennie, wife of George Wolfe; Anna, wife of Lem Cook, of Wayne Township; Ella, wife of Eli Grissom; Electa, wife of J. G. Longfellow, of Wayne Township; and James E.

James E. Guy was reared to manhood on the old farm and attended

the district schools of Wayne Township. He married Miss Nannie Zimmerman, who died leaving two children, Ralph and Nannie. Both were educated in the common schools. Ralph married Gladys Phillips and now lives in Wayne Township, while Nannie is the wife of Ralph Remy and lives on the old farm. Mr. Guy married for his present wife Sarah Miller. They are members of the United Brethren Church at Warsaw and politically he votes as a republican.

JOHN H. HARMON. One of the thriftiest residents of Prairie Township is John H. Harmon, whose home is near Etna Green. In the main work which he chose for his career, agriculture, it is needless to say that Mr. Harmon has been prospered beyond the ordinary. He was reared and has spent most of his life in this county and his works and his influence have brought him an estimable station among his fellow men.

He was born in Crawford County, Ohio, February 23, 1852, a son of David S. and Susan (Boardner) Harmon. Both his parents were natives of Columbiana County, Ohio. The paternal grandfather was John Harmon, a native of Pennsylvania, from which state he moved to Ohio and finally to Indiana, where he died. He saw some service during the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandfather was John Boardner, also a native of Pennsylvania, who subsequently became an Ohio farmer. David S. Harmon and wife brought their family out to Indiana in 1861, and located on a farm in Kosciusko County. They were active members of the Dunkard Church and in politics he was a republican and gave some good service as a member of the school board in the early days. His thrift and industry enabled him to accumulate 160 acres of land, which he placed under a state of high improvement. There were eleven children in the family and six are now living.

The oldest of these, John H. Harmon, while a boy in Ohio, attended a German school, and also attended the public schools of Indiana after the family moved to this state. Reared on a farm, he naturally took to the vocation for which his early training fitted him, and for a period of forty years or more has been industriously engaged in that line. His present place of eighty acres is situated in Prairie Township, and he has a good home and has practically performed all the improvements about his farm by his own hand or under his direct management. He combines crop growing with the raising of good stock.

Mr. Harmon married Sarah Knabenshue. She was born in Virginia, but her parents brought her to Indiana when she was quite young. Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon five are living: Isaac is a Kosciusko County farmer; Walter is also a farmer in this county; Leona is the wife of Mr. Yarmon, an engineer living at Fort Wayne; Gertrude married Mr. Girard, and they live on the Harmon farm; Glenn is a machinist living at Warsaw. In politics Mr. Harmon is a republican and from time to time has interested himself in those movements which bring about the improvement and betterment of his home community.

HORACE TUCKER. Perhaps to no one of the old pioneers of Kosciusko County is more frequent reference made than to the late Horace Tucker. He was an exemplary citizen, successful in a material way, and his influence counted for much in the development and progress of the county. The following sketch of his career will serve to supplement other minor notices of him found in this publication.

He was born in Richland County, Ohio, November 8, 1825, son of John and Mary (Warde) Tucker. His grandfather, Ezra Tucker, was a native of New Hampshire and his children consisted of Daniel, John, Ezra, Cyrus, David and Eliza. Ezra Tucker served in the War of 1812. John Tucker, his son, enlisted in the same war but was never called into the field.

John Tucker grew up on a farm in New Hampshire, had the average education of his time in the subscription schools, and made such good use of his advantages that he taught for a time. About 1820 he moved to Richland County, Ohio, walking the entire distance of 800 miles. Northern and Western Ohio were then a total wilderness, with as many Indians as white people. John Tucker entered 160 acres of land in Union Township and industriously cleared it away acre by acre, lived in a rude log cabin, and for a time his nearest neighbor was four miles distant. The first season he cleared up a small patch and planted it with potatoes. The following year he returned to New Hampshire, walking as before, and there married Mary Warde. He brought his bride to his Ohio home in a one-horse wagon, and that wagon also contained practically all their movable possessions and goods. The wagon served not only as a vehicle by day, but as a shelter by night against the storms, and the roadside supplied the campfires where they cooked their simple meals. One of the implements which they brought with them on this journey from New Hampshire was a skillet which was handed down in the family and was owned by Horace Tucker. John Tucker and wife spent thirty-three days on this home seeking and honeymoon tour, and the last six miles he had to break the way through the brush and woods. In Richland County they put up with the hardships and trials of most of the pioneers, but were prospered perhaps above the ordinary and in course of time had a good farm and a substantial log house and still later a good frame house.

The children of this pioneer couple were: Horace, Aurelius, who married Isabel Alexander; Sarena, who married Francis Wager; Albert, who became a resident of Mentone, Indiana; Regulus, who married Jane Blue; Livona, who married John Vandermark.

John Tucker and his son Horace Tucker came to Kosciusko County in 1846, for the purpose of inspecting the land in this then comparatively new community. Satisfied with what he saw, Horace Tucker bought 160 acres in sections 19 and 20 of Franklin Township. His father went back to Ohio leaving Horace to clear away some of the woods and brush, and this accomplished he too walked back to his Ohio home, having 200 miles to make the journey on foot. While in Ohio he continued work on his father's farm, and on January 13, 1848, married Eliza Johnson, daughter of Francis and Anna (Flem-

ing) Johnson. The Johnson family came originally from Ireland, and William Johnson, grandfather of Mrs. Horace Tucker, on coming to the United States shortly after his marriage located in Pennsylvania, where Mrs. Tucker's father was born. Francis Johnson was a blacksmith and a sickle maker. He spent most of his life in Ohio. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Horace Tucker out of his generous prosperity was able to give each of his children money or property to the value of $6,000 upon their marriage and leaving home. Their children were: Albert L., born September 19, 1849, elsewhere mentioned in this publication; Rosella, born in December, 1853, who married Jonathan Tinkey; Hollis C., born in February, 1857, married Nettie Alexander.

Horace Tucker was the type of pioneer who was not merely a good manager but was willing to get into the heaviest and most arduous toil himself. Thus many acres of heavy forest which originally covered his land was cleared away by the steady blows of his axe. He was not less efficient in the skill and judgment he showed in managing the men who worked for him. The first spring he was in Kosciusko County he planted six acres of corn among the stumps, breaking the land with a yoke of runaway oxen that he had secured in the woods and which belonged to some distant neighbor. He yoked them up when they came to his barn for something to eat. In 1871 Horace Tucker began erecting a substantial brick house, which is still a landmark in that vicinity. It was the first house of that construction in the township and the first to be supplied with steam heat. Exclusive of his own work he invested $4,000 in the house. He also put up the first windmill pump in the township. In 1874 he built a large and substantial barn. Much of his money was made in handling and marketing cattle. He was in that business for about half a century. He was the first man to ship a carload of livestock to Warsaw in 1856.

While it was not possible for him to make his money as easily as many men of the present generation, he was not lacking in great liberality in its use, and contributed liberally of his means to churches and to every worthy undertaking. He began voting as a whig and subsequently was an equally stanch republican. He served as treasurer and trustee of his township, and was always an influence in county politics. Besides his farm he accumulated extensive tracts of land in Kosciusko and other counties, and always used livestock as a means of making his land profitable. In 1900 he sold from his farms, $8,000 worth of fat graded cattle, that being one of the largest single stock sales ever recorded in this county.

Horace Tucker and wife began their housekeeping with utmost simplicity. Their first table consisted of an ordinary store box and their first bed was made of poles stuck in auger holes in the wall, these holes being covered with clapboards instead of slats, and the bed put on top. During his last years and after the death of his wife Horace Tucker received most devoted attention and care from his grandson, Ivan Tucker. As a result of an accident he spent his last six months in bed. He died September 12, 1907, and his wife Novem

ber 11, 1904. He died beloved of all who knew him, and the memory of many of his kind deeds are still preserved.

ARTHUR SMITH has his home in Silver Lake in Lake township, but for a long period of years his activities as a farmer and thresherman have made him known over the area of several townships of this county.

He represents one of the old families here. His father, Mark Smith, came from Ohio to Kosciusko County in 1843. He drove across the country with him a hundred head of sheep, and was a pioneer in sheep husbandry in this county. The maiden name of his wife was Nancy Garvin. Mark Smith was born near Akron, Ohio, June 27, 1826, and his wife was born in Indiana in December, 1831. She died June 12, 1864, while he lived to very advanced years, passing away April 12, 1904. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church, being charter members of the church in Seward Township, and the first services of that denomination were held in their own home. Their affiliation was with Franklin Baptist Church. Mark Smith was an active republican and for one term served as trustee of Seward Township. He and his wife had five children, the three now living being S. E. Smith, of Paris, Texas, Arthur, and Jonathan G., of Seward Township. The son Lucius died at the age of twelve years and Ida when only nine months old.

Arthur Smith was born on his father's farm in Seward Township December 18, 1857. He grew up there, having the advantages of the common schools, and from the age of twenty until he was twenty-eight assumed a large part of responsibility in the management of the home farm. On March 21, 1886, Mr. Smith married Samantha J. Herald. She was born in Seward Township December 17, 1861, and was educated in the common schools. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children: Worden R. is a graduate of the common schools, is a farmer in Seward Township, and married Bessie Drudger. Cleo A. is the wife of Eugene Way, of Seward Township.

Mr. Smith still owns eighty acres of good farming land, and for many years has operated a threshing outfit, supplying that indispensable service to a large circle of farmers in this county. Mr. Smith is president of the Seward Horse Thief Detective Association. He has been precinct chairman of the republican party for a number of years, and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of the Maccabees.

JACOB SPARKS, a resident of Kosciusko County most of his active life, has given a good account of his years in his chosen occupation as a farmer. His farm and home are well known in the southeast corner of the township, being located in section 34 of Jackson Township, a mile east and half a mile south of Sidney.

Mr. Sparks was born in Rock Creek Township of Wells County, Indiana, February 8, 1864. The record of his family in Indiana goes back several generations. His great-grandparents, Solomon and Charity Sparks, came from Virginia and after a time spent in Muncie, Indiana, moved to Wells County, locating in Rock Creek Township,

three miles south of Markle. Solomon Sparks entered a hundred sixty acres of government land there, and on it spent the rest of his days. His children were Isaac, Jackson, David, Solomon, William, John, Rachel, Charity and one other daughter. William Sparks, grandfather of Jacob, married Hettie Miller, and among their children were Moses, Henry, James, K. P., John and Rachel. Jacob Sparks is a son of Moses and Hannah A. (Bane) Sparks. Moses Sparks had three other children: John F. of Huntington, Indiana; Isaac, who also lives in Huntington; Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Cordle; while another daughter, Sarah M., is now deceased.

Jacob Sparks grew up in his native township of Wells County, but at the age of twelve his parents moved to Huntington County, and about 1884 he came to this county. For over thirty years he has lived in Jackson Township. Mr. Sparks married Jennetta Ross. They had one daughter, Ruth, and both mother and daughter died in 1900. On July 13, 1901, Mr. Sparks married Cora E. Smith, widow of William C. Smith. They have two sturdy young sons, William H. and Adam L.

Mr. Sparks is a democrat in political affiliations. The farm which is the center of his enterprise and through which he has provided well for his family and made himself a contributing factor in Kosciusko County agriculture, comprises about a hundred forty-three and a half acres in section 34 of Jackson Township. In livestock he specializes in Duroc hogs, Shorthorn cattle and also the Polled Durhams.

Edmund S. Lash. Some of the finest farms and the best farmers reside in the community around Etna Green. One of these is Edmund S. Lash, who is a native son of Kosciusko County, and has not only prospered and done well in his business vocation, but has identified himself in a useful way with county affairs, has filled several of the important offices, and always exerts his influence in behalf of community betterment.

His birth occurred in Harrison Township August 26, 1862. His parents were Philip and Sarah (Kehler) Lash, both natives of Ohio, his mother born near Wooster. The paternal grandfather, John Lash, was also a native of Ohio, and was one of the very early settlers of Kosciusko County, where he became a large land owner and took much part in early affairs. The maternal grandfather was John Kehler, who also came early to Kosciusko County, and was a millwright by trade, and most of his sons grew up to mechanical professions. Philip Lash was born in 1826 and died in 1863. His wife was born in 1824 and died in 1892. They both came as children to Indiana and were married in this state. Of their five children four are living. Mrs. Cora Harris, a widow; Jennie, wife of Mr. Wolper, who is in the real estate business at Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Tillie Blue, whose husband is a retired farmer at Mentone; and Edmund S. The parents of these children were both members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the father was a republican. Philip Lash grew up in Kosciusko County when it was comparatively a wilderness. As a boy he frequently saw

Indians, and the school he attended had among its pupils several Indian children.

Edmund S. Lash began his serious career with a valuable equipment of knowledge and practical experience. After attending the common schools he spent two terms in the Methodist college at Fort Wayne. He has a grateful memory of the two years he himself spent as a teacher. From teaching he gravitated into farming and that has been his steady vocation now for fully thirty years. His success is of his own making and the property he owns is an adequate testimonial to his enterprise and industry. His farm comprises 180 acres, and its buildings and various improvements are the direct result of his work and supervision. He raises corn, hay and wheat, and has some good grades of cattle and hogs.

On August 26, 1884, Mr. Lash married Miss Emma Eckert. She was born in Ohio, daughter of Sullivan and Rachel Eckert, who were Ohio people and early settlers in Hancock County of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Lash have four children: May Wilson is the wife of a teacher at Mentone; Mrs. Madge Jackson lives in Elkhart, where Mr. Jackson is a train inspector for the Lake Shore Road; Raymond is a teacher and farmer in Kosciusko County, and Gladys, the youngest, is still at home.

Mr. Lash has always been interested in public affairs and by the choice of his fellow citizens served two terms very capably in the office of county commissioner. He is a republican, he and his wife are members of the United Brethren church, and fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, and has held several of the official chairs in these fraternal bodies.

Jerome H. Lones. It is truly the individual and exceptional case when a man can point to nearly a third of a century of continuous service for one organization or in one position, That was one of the distinctions of Mr. Lones' citizenship in Warsaw, where from August 30, 1883, until his death he was local agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. To a great many people in Warsaw Mr. Lones during that time was the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, having served as its representative so long that to think of the Pennsylvania Company was also to think of its genial and energetic agent. Furthermore, Mr. Lones was very closely and actively identified with the material progress and development of the city, and was one of the most highly esteemed as he was one of the best known men of Warsaw.

The lesson of his career should not be lost as an example to young men who have to take up the responsibilities of life with little training and with no influence to advance them. He was born on a farm in Crawford County, Ohio, August 20, 1853, the eldest of the three children of Harrison and Celia (Benson) Lones. When he was eighteen months of age his parents moved out of Iowa by way of Cincinnati and the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, but owing to the continued ill health of his mother they remained only a short time and returned to Ohio, taking up residence in Wyandotte County. There the father died

in 1859, and for a number of years thereafter the members of the little household suffered many hardships and privations. In the meantime Jerome H. Lones managed to attend the local public schools and gained the rudiments of an education. At the age of sixteen he left home, and spent several months as a corn husker near Watseka, Illinois, but in the ensuing spring returned home and looked after the operation of the old homestead during the next season. However, he could not content himself with the narrow horizon of an Ohio farm, and it was through a better education that he could see the vista of greater opportunities opening before him. By economy and hard work he managed to pay his way for three years in the Northern Ohio College at Ada, where he showed special proficiency and gained honors in mathematics. While in college his mother died, and not long afterwards he had to determine his future location. There were two forces that appealed to him, either to gain a place as a bank cashier with its consequent possibilities, or to engage in railroad service. Before he could make a beginning in either career he needed business training, and consequently taught school and with the earnings of that work and with some money which he borrowed paid his way through the long course at the Iron City Business College at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Then during another season at home, when he dug ditches and husked corn, he was finally able to attempt the realization of his dreams. He went to Fort Wayne, made application for employment with the Pennsylvania Company, but he was promptly refused owing to his lack of knowledge of telegraphy. Undoubtedly one of the qualities which enabled him to succeed was a persistency in the face of discouragement. Turned back at one point, he applied for another line of work, and finally went on the road as a freight brakeman. After thirteen months he was given employment in the freight office as a clerk, and was promoted to assistant cashier. Then, having demonstrated his capabilities and his reliability, he came to Warsaw in 1883 as station agent. This position he ever afterward held, with credit to himself and satisfaction to his company, and while nominally his duties were the same, the responsibilities grew with the growth and development of the city and its importance as a traffic center.

Unlike many men in the railroad service who are content to isolate themselves from the community which they serve and become merely a cog in the routine of the corporation which employs them, Mr. Lones from the first identified himself with local citizenship. For years he contributed from his means and his experience to the aid of all worthy enterprises undertaken in Warsaw. He was one of the organizers of the modern Commercial Club. He also helped in the organization and was one of the principal stockholders and vice president of the Indiana Loan and Trust Company. In politics he was always identified with the republican party. Fraternally he was a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Knight Templar, and also a member of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. For his helpmate through life he was fortunate in the selection of Miss Jennie Logan, of Fort Wayne, whom he married in 1878.

Mr. Lones continued in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad

Company until the date of his death, which occurred very suddenly, after less than a week's sickness, on September 7, 1917. His memory is respected and his death was mourned by the entire community.

He was laid away by the Knight Templars and his funeral was largely attended by the citizens of Warsaw and representatives of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company from all stations on the western division.

CHARLIE A. HUGHS. One of the oldest families of Kosciusko County is that of Hughs, which located here over eighty years ago. The Hughs family came to Indiana when it was a territory, more than a century ago.

A splendid farm in Prairie Township, long owned by this family, is now under the capable management and supervision of Charlie A. Hughs, who is not only a general farmer but a breeder and shipper of livestock, and as such is well known all over this part of the state. He was born on the farm where he now lives September 10, 1879, son of John W. and Prudence (Wallace) Hughs. John W. Hughs was born in Prairie Township January 11, 1851, a son of the original settler here. Prudence Wallace was born in Kosciusko County July 6, 1854. The parents since their marriage have lived on the old homestead in Prairie Township. John W. Hughs is a republican voter. Of their two children one died at the age of three years.

Charlie A. Hughs has always lived at home, and was well educated in the common schools and a business college at Warsaw. That he has more than ordinary responsibilities is manifest in the fact that he supervises the farming of 287 acres and looks after a large number of livestock. He personally owns 46½ acres.

July 11, 1907, Mr. Hughs married Edith Kimes, a native of Plain Township of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Hughs attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a republican and is affiliated with St. Leon Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

JAMES WHITNEY PARKER has lived in Kosciusko County most of his life, and out of his experiences as a worker and farmer has accumulated one of the most effective farm estates in Tippecanoe Township, his postoffice being North Webster. His farm is three miles southeast of that village.

Mr. Parker was born near Lima in Allen County, Ohio, December 12, 1855. His parents were J. W. and Elizabeth (Lippencott) Parker. The grandfather, Sylvester Parker, was a native of England, and at the age of twenty-one he and his brother Herman Parker came to the United States and settled in Seneca County, New York. They married sisters, Sylvester marrying Elizabeth Harper, who was also a native of England. They became the parents of seven children, J. W., Elias, Martin, Silas, Jason, Cerenus and Martha.

J. W. Parker was born in Seneca County, New York, November 22, 1822. When a young man he went to Allen County, Ohio, married there, and in 1863 brought his family to Kosciusko County. He married Elizabeth Lippencott, daughter of Joseph and Eliza J. (Bland)

Lippencott. Eliza J. Bland was a native of Virginia and daughter of a slave owner. Joseph Lippencott and wife moved to Allen County, Ohio, where they lived until his death and his widow spent her last years in Kosciusko County. J. W. Parker and wife had twelve children including: Sylvenus, deceased; Joseph, who was in the West; Hayman, of LaGrange County, Indiana; James W.; Mary, wife of Henry Lentz; Sabrina, Anna and Emma, all deceased and Albert of Starke County, Indiana.

James Whitney Parker was eight years old when his parents came to Kosciusko County, and here he grew up, attending the district schools in winter and working on the farm in summer. On March 22, 1885, he married Miss Ada A. Dorsey. Mrs. Parker was born in Darke County, Ohio, November 22, 1863, daughter of William and Martha J. (Coppeias) Dorsey. Her father was a native of Maryland and her mother of Ohio. Mrs. Parker was two years old when her parents came to Kosciusko County, where she grew up and received a district school education. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have four children: Lulu M., born in March, 1886, is the wife of Vern Gross, of Turkey Creek Township; Roy is married and lives in Tippecanoe Township; Ray is a graduate of the common schools and is now a wireless operator in the United States Navy; Edna M. is the wife of Robert Twants.

Mr. Parker is a republican voter. As a farmer he gives active superintendence to the management of his seventy-six acres and is one of the large producers of agricultural crops in this county. He is also one of the Kosciusko County citizens who have made a profitable business out of commercial poultry growing. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are clever and obliging people and stand high socially in their community.

C. F. Starner. In these critical modern times it is results that count, and the principal contributory factor toward getting results is intelligently directed work. Kosciusko County ranks high among Indiana's counties as an agricultural center, and one of the men who has long carried a goodly share of responsibilities in this field is Mr. C. F. Starner, one of the progressive and up-to-date farmers of Plain Township. His farm is a mile northeast of Leesburg.

Mr. Starner was born in Plain Township July 25, 1875, son of George and Elizabeth (Fisher) Starner. His parents are still residents of the county and represent old time families here.

Mr. C. F. Starner was reared on a farm, had a district school education, and at the age of seventeen left the parental roof to find work on his own responsibility. He worked at any employment that offered an opportunity to earn an honest living, and for some four or five years was connected with a threshing outfit. Later he bought his first land and has thriftily improved his place until he now has a well arranged farm of 145 acres. Mr. Starner married Miss Viola Noel. They have a family of seven daughters: Lucy, a graduate of high school; Cecil, who is a student in high school; and Rilla, Hazel, Pauline, Mary and Florence. Mr. Starner is a democrat in politics.

MANFORD MORRIS. While his efforts for a number of years have been concentrated upon the management of his farm and stock ranch in Turkey Creek Township, Manford Morris is a man of varied interests, is a stockholder in several banks and other concerns, and belongs to one of the pioneer families of Indiana.

He was born in Noble County of this state February 12, 1871, a son of Andrew J. and Lavina (Morrow) Morris. His father was born in Preble County, Ohio, November 6, 1828, and is still living at the venerable age of ninety. The grandfather, Biven Morris, was a pioneer of Kosciusko County. He moved his family from Preble to Darke County, Ohio, in 1834, and in 1838 came into the wilderness of Kosciusko County and located in Turkey Creek Township. Biven Morris had the distinction of being the first trustee chosen to office in that township. He entered a hundred acres of government land in section 2, and lived there until 1880. Biven Morris and wife had the following children: Lucinda, Andrew J., Isaac, John, Tolman, Barbara and Nancy.

Andrew J. Morris grew to maturity in Kosciusko County and later went out to Iowa where he married March 20, 1858. He brought his wife back to Indiana and settled on a farm in Noble County, one mile east from the homestead, where they lived together fifty-nine years. January 20, 1917, Lavina, his wife, died at the age of eighty years. She was a pioneer of Noble County, born near Ligonier December 22, 1836. She moved with her parents to Iowa in 1852, living there six years. Mr. Morris served as county commissioner of Noble County from 1900 to 1904. He and his wife had four children: J. C. Morris, a farmer in Noble County; Mary J., wife of J. F. Eagles of Noble County; Sherman, also a Noble County farmer; and Manford.

Manford Morris grew up on his father's farm in Noble County and was educated in the district schools. He lived at home for a number of years and on September 28, 1905, married Vada F. Sloan, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah S. Sloan. She moved with her parents to Kosciusko County in 1875. They have two children: Arthur J., born January 6, 1909; and Marjorie Frances, who was born December 15, 1913, died August 10, 1917.

Mr. Morris' farm comprises 148 acres. It is a highly cultivated place and is especially well known as the home of some high grade Poland China hogs and Shorthorn cattle, in the breeding of which he has been very successful. Mr. Morris is a stockholder in the Sparta State Bank at Cromwell, Indiana, and is also a stockholder in a business at Lebanon and is a member of the Farmers' Shipping Association. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Cromwell and was a charter member of Cromwell Lodge No. 408, Knights of Pythias, and served as chancellor and a member of the Grand Lodge. Politically he is a republican and was formerly a member of the Township Advisory Board.

JOHN JONES. It has been observed that the happiest nations are those without history, and it is true of individuals as well. Some of those who are most useful to themselves and their fellow men, living their lives most simply and with utmost faithfulness to their

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duties and responsibilities, figure in few of the conspicuous and abnormal events which are so often celebrated in the newspaper columns.

This was all true of the late John Jones, one of the kindliest and best citizens of Seward Township. John Jones died at his home in that township February 26, 1918, aged eighty-one years, eleven months and twenty days. His farm, two miles southwest of Burket, had been his home continuously for over half a century, his work and sacrifice counted most in its improvement, and there he reared his children, and with obligations all fulfilled he bore his last long illness with Christian fortitude until the end.

He was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, March 8, 1836, a son of Samuel and Patsy Jones. In 1863 he came to Indiana with his brother Samuel Jones, and from that time forward Kosciusko County was his home. His parents spent most of their lives in Ohio. His father was a native of Ohio and his mother of Maryland. His father died in 1854 and his mother in 1869.

March 16, 1865, John Jones married Miss Nancy Hire, member of one of the oldest prominent families of Kosciusko County. Her parents were Rudolph and Hannah (Linsey) Hire, the former a native of Ross County, Ohio, and the latter of Fayette County, Ohio. Rudolph Hire and wife were married in Kosciusko County, and then for a year lived in Elkhart County, after which they returned to a farm in Franklin Township of this county. Mrs. Jones' father died at Burket in April, 1889. Her mother died at the home of Mrs. Jones in April, 1909. There were eleven children in the Hire family, and the four now living are: Isaac B.; Lillie, wife of Charles C. Eggleston, of California; Alfred, a resident of Warsaw; and Mrs. Jones.

Mrs. Jones was reared on her father's farm in this county and was educated in the common schools. She still lives on the old Jones farm in Seward Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones had eight children: Clement A., who married Mary Cook, and lives in Franklin Township; Lugarda R., unmarried; Milton E., who married Jennie Wilson and lives in Harrison Township; Charles H., who married Stella Warren, and lives at Burket; Rudolph G., who married Bessie Kesecker, and lives on the old homestead; Myrtle, wife of George W. Dickey, of Harrison Township; Vernon, who married Rohad Mollinhour of Franklin Township; and Neva G., who was born March 6, 1892, and still lives with her mother.

Mrs. Jones is a devout member of the United Brethren church at Burket. Mr. Jones was converted to that faith in early manhood, and lived an exemplary Christian life for forty-three years. He was a democrat in politics.

Besides her own children, Mrs. Jones is comforted in her declining years by the presence of eighteen grandchildren and also four great-grandchildren, besides many relatives and the hosts of friends who esteem it a privilege to be accorded a place in the friendship of this kindly old lady.

PERCY M. BERGEN. Any locality or section is benefited by the introduction of progressive useful enterprise from other regions. Without such admixture of other ideas and other methods any community is bound to stand still.

One of Kosciusko County's leading stock farmers and feeders is Percy M. Bergen, who came to this county from Iowa, where his father has long been prominent in the stock feeding business and every year sends cattle to the market by the train load. His father is owner of extensive tracts of land in Iowa, and it was in that state that Percy M. Bergen acquired his practical knowledge of farming and stock husbandry.

Mr. Bergen was born in Benton County, Iowa, March 20, 1890, son of William and Blanche (Martyn) Bergen. He was reared on the home farm, educated in common schools, and in 1907, entered Winona College in Indiana, where he was graduated in 1911. Having a thirst for adventure, he then enlisted in the Coast Artillery Service of the United States Army and is now a retired army man with a creditable record of three years' service and an honorable discharge. After leaving the army Mr. Bergen came to Kosciusko County and bought the farm where he now lives on route No. 6 in Wayne Township. He has 109 acres, and is following the practice of buying cattle and hogs in Chicago and feeding them for market.

Mr. Bergen married Olive Mitterling, who was born in Kosciusko County and is also a graduate of Winona School. They have two children, Mary and Jeanne. Mr. and Mrs. Bergen are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

CHARLIE H. HAPNER has been a well to do citizen of Kosciusko County through his continued enterprise spread over a period of years as a farmer. The farm which he now owns and which has become so productive and profitable under his management is the place where he spent his early life, known as the old Hapner farm in section 2 of Monroe Township, a mile and a half south and three-quarters of a mile west of Pierceton, on the rural route No. 3.

Mr. Hapner was born there March 6, 1879, son of Henry C. and Janette S. (Weston) Hapner. Henry C. Hapner was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, October 13, 1831, and died August 11, 1915, at the advanced age of eighty-four. He was a pioneer of Kosciusko County, having located in Jackson Township in September, 1839. After coming to the county some years later he married for his first wife Sarah Zimmerman. In 1863 he moved to Monroe Township, and here his first wife died. Their children were Jacob, Anna M., George, Nancy C., Elmer, Nathan, Cyrus and Harrison. Henry C. Hapner by his second wife had just one child, Charlie H. The mother of Charlie H. Hapner was born in Monroe Township and spent all her life there. She died March 10, 1913. She was a member of the Disciples Church at Salem. Henry C. Hapner was a farmer all his life, and at the same time operated extensively as a thresherman and saw miller.

Charlie H. Hapner grew up on the old farm, and attended school in District No. 10 in Washington Township. On October 8, 1898, he

married Miss Etta J. Clouse, who was born in Monroe Township November 2, 1880, daughter of Lewis and Ann (Idle) Clouse. Her father was born in Monroe Township May 18, 1848, and died September 5, 1914. Her mother was born in Champaign County, Ohio, August 14, 1842, and died June 3, 1912, having been brought to Kosciusko County at the age of sixteen. Both Mr. and Mrs. Clouse were active in the Christian Church.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hapner located upon the farm where they have managed so industriously and have been so successful in accumulating those things which make life comfortable and happy. They have one daughter, Mildred M., born March 9, 1902. She graduated from the common schools at the age of fourteen and is now a student in the Pierceton High School. The family are members of the Christian Church and have done much to sustain the various church activities. Mr. Hapner is a republican but his citizenship has been of the quiet kind, evidenced chiefly in voting and in doing his part unofficially to support wise and well considered community enterprises.

WILLIAM SHAND is a native of Scotland, has lived in America nearly half a century and has exemplified all the sturdy and keen traits of his native land. He has been a successful farmer and is rated as one of the men of achievement, intelligence and fine citizenship in Monroe Township, where for a number of years he has owned a good farm comprising the northwest quarter of section 17.

His birth occurred in Forfarshire, Scotland, March 10, 1846, and his parents, William and Elizabeth (Smith) Shand, spent most of their lives in Scotland, but in 1872 came to the United States and located at Troy, Missouri, where the father died. The mother passed away in Indiana.

Mr. Shand grew to maturity in his native land, and attended schools to the age of fourteen. After that he worked and had a good deal of experience in making his own way in the world before he set out for America in 1869. For a number of years Mr. Shand was a resident of Missouri. He married there on October 10, 1872, Miss Narnev Pressley. She was born September 12, 1856, ten miles from Troy, Missouri, in Lincoln County, and was reared and educated there. For five years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Shand continued to live in Missouri on a rented farm. In 1877 they came to Indiana and were residents at Goodland for thirteen years. They moved in 1903 to Monroe Township of Kosciusko County and bought the fine farm of 180 acres where they now reside and where they have been prospered abundantly.

Mr. and Mrs. Shand have two sons, Frank, born March 1, 1874, lives in Montana and married Gertrude Goldsbury. William A., born June 4, 1893, is married and lives in Indiana. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church and Mr. Shand is a republican.

ORANGE H. BOWMAN. Among the substantial people of Kosciusko County with whom industry has been the keynote of their lives a family of special interest is that of Orange H. Bowman. Mr. Bowman has

spent nearly all his life in Kosciusko County, and for a number of years was a very successful and talented teacher. He is now proprietor of the Stony Brook Farm in Monroe Township near Pierceton, and is performing that service which means so much in this present critical time, supplying a large quantity of pure milk to the community of Pierceton.

Mr. Bowman was born in Monroe Township of Kosciusko County December 10, 1868, a son of Thomas and Eliza (Vandegrift) Bowman. His parents were born and reared and married in Stark County, Ohio, and in 1868 moved to Kosciusko County, Indiana, where they spent the rest of their lives. They had six children.

Orange H. Bowman was reared on a farm in Monroe Township, had a common school education, and afterwards graduated from the State Normal School and has a life certificate as a teacher. He did some fine work in the schoolroom both as a teacher and school administrator, and at one time was superintendent of the Mentone and South Whitley schools. While his abilities were such as to justify his remaining in the educational profession, his hearing became impaired and he had to abandon that vocation for farming. The Stony Brook Farm comprises 133 acres a mile and a half from Pierceton in Monroe Township. It is the home of a herd of fine Jersey cattle and Mr. Bowman has shown as much vigor and ability in managing his dairy farm as he formerly did in educational work. His farm largely supplies the town of Pierceton with pure milk.

Mr. Bowman has six children: Emily, a graduate of the Illinois University; Thomas, a graduate of the local high school; Eva, also a high school graduate, and now in training in Chicago for a nurse; and Agnes, Philip and David, who are still in school. Mr. Bowman is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star, and in politics is a republican.

Eston E. McClintic has been a factor in the good citizenship of Kosciusko County for a number of years and at Syracuse his business has been as a contractor in the manufacture and handling of cement products. He has done much cement construction of all types, and his contracts cover a wide area around Syracuse. It is a very successful business and he is a man of such experience and ability as to carry out fully and in detail every contract he undertakes.

He represents a family that has been in Kosciusko County for three generations. Mr. McClintic was born in Turkey Creek Township July 12, 1875, a son of John and Lydia (Koher) McClintic. His grandfather, Eston McClintic, came to Kosciusko County more than eighty years ago and developed a homestead from the midst of the wilderness. John McClintic was born in Turkey Creek Township February 7, 1837. Lydia Koher was born March 19, 1849. They married September 20, 1874, and then began housekeeping at the old McClintic farm and homestead. John McClintic acquired that property and he and his wife spent their years on it. He was an active member of the United Brethren Church and a democrat in politics. There were four sons in the family: Eston E.; Charles F., born Oc-

tober 28, 1876; Martin V., born July 14, 1878, and now representing the third generation of the family to live on the old homestead; and John C., born February 22, 1885, lost his life by accident December 30, 1894.

Eston E. McClintic grew up on the home farm and attended district school until the age of fourteen. He then started to make his own way in the world and for a time was a farm laborer at wages of ten dollars a month. On February 8, 1896, he married Miss Blanch M., a daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Angel Searfoss. Mrs. McClintic was born in Turkey Creek Township November 13, 1880. Her father was born in Pennsylvania March 2, 1849, and her mother in Turkey Creek Township in 1853. Both are still living.

Mr. and Mrs. McClintic have five children: John B., born September 6, 1896, married Velma Poppenfos; Harry D., born February 3, 1901; Elizabeth, born January 7, 1909; Charles born March 20, 1913; James W., born June 12, 1915. The family are members of the United Brethren Church and Mr. McClintic is trustee of the parsonage. He is affiliated with Syracuse Lodge No. 454, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Royal Arch Chapter No. 124. He has always taken a keen interest in local affairs, and is considered one of the men of influence in the democratic party in his section of the county.

Jonas H. Allsbaugh has been one of the useful citizens in Kosciusko County for many years. The medium through which he has given his most productive service is as a farmer and stockman. Mr. Allsbaugh's home farm is in section 16 of Jackson Township, three and one half miles north of Manchester and four and one half miles southwest of Sidney. Besides his eighty acres there he has eighty acres just over the Wabash County line in Chester Township. What he has today he has made largely through his industry and thrifty energy, and has never asked for opportunities and privileges that were not open to every other man. Mr. Allsbaugh has made something of a specialty of the breeding of Duroc hogs. He was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, October 20, 1863, a son of John and Rebecca (Horning) Allsbaugh. His father was born at Berne, Switzerland, and came to the United States when about twenty-five years of age. He had worked at and learned the trade of miller in the old country, and though paid exceedingly meager wages he saved enough to bring himself and a brother to the United States. He first located at Cincinnati, Ohio, and engaged in the dairy business, but soon lost all he had in that venture. From there he moved to Montgomery County, and found employment on a farm at eight dollars a month. A few years later his wages were raised to $100 a year, and he eventually married the daughter of his employer. She was a native of Pennsylvania. They rented a farm for a time and eventually they left Ohio, and started on a journey across country with wagons and teams bound for Kansas. The little property he had he traded for forty acres of Kansas land, but later returned to Indiana and settled three miles southeast of North Manchester. Later he rented another farm, and finally bought eighty acres and on that homestead spent the rest of his life. He and his

wife were members of the Progressive Dunkard Church. There are six children: Edwin, a farmer five and one half miles southeast of North Manchester; Jonas H.; Martha, wife of Elmont Kosher, of North Manchester; Emma, unmarried; Ella, wife of T. E. Reed, of Hope, Indiana; and Della, unmarried and living at Akron, Ohio.

Jonas H. Allsbaugh grew up on his father's farm in Wabash County, attended the district schools there, and at the age of twenty started out for himself. Like his father he also worked by the month on farms, and earned his living in that way for five years.

December 28, 1887, Mr. Allsbaugh married Miss Nancy D. Scholl. She was born in LaGrange County, Indiana, June 10, 1866, and was a small girl when her parents moved to Wabash County, where she grew up and received her education in the district schools. They have two children: Verling R., a graduate of the common schools and is now running the old Allsbaugh farm in Wabash County. He married Lydia Heater. Orin K., the second son, is a graduate of the local schools, attended high school, and is now in the Great Lakes Naval Training Station at Chicago.

The Allsbaugh family are active members of the Antioch Christian Church. Politically he is a republican.

JOHN S. VANDERVEER is a sterling representative of the agricultural interests of Kosciusko County, and in his work has exemplified many of the careful, industrious and methodical traits of the people of Holland, of which country he is a native.

Mr. Vanderveer was born in Holland June 22, 1869, a son of Sebrant and Gertrude (Gilstraa) Vanderveer. These honest Dutch parents brought their family to America in 1871, seeking better opportunities for them, and located in Elkhart County. The mother died there October 22, 1873, and the father afterwards moved to Kosciusko County and died here in 1907. They had five children, two of whom died in Holland. The two stilll living besides John S. are Richard, a lawyer and a member of the Warsaw bar, and Edith, wife of John O. Sheets of Elkhart County.

John S. Vanderveer was two years old when brought to America and he has no conscious recollections of his native land. He grew up on a farm, was educated in the common schools, and from early life has been dependent upon his own resources. The prosperity he has accumulated is the result of his energy and the effective co-operation of his good wife. His home comprises eighty acres of good land in section 2 of Jefferson Township.

Mr. Vanderveer married Elizabeth Brown, who died leaving no children. For his second wife he married Ella Overholt, and they have two children living and one dead, Howard R., who was born in 1909, and died in 1910. The two living are Merrill O., born in 1911, and Verda Maree, born in 1914. Mrs. Vanderveer is an active church member, and in politics Mr. Vanderveer votes as a democrat.

CONRAD D. LONGENECKER. The position which Conrad D. Longenecker has occupied during the last five years as county clerk of Kos-

ciusko County is in the nature of a consistent tribute not only to his individual and personal qualifications for that office, but also to the high standing of the Longenecker family, which has been identified with this section of Northern Indiana for more than sixty years, and has exemplified some of the best virtues of manhood and good citizenship.

The old Longenecker homestead was near North Webster, and it was on the farm there that Conrad D. Longenecker was born March 18, 1859. He was one of four children, and all of them are still living. Their parents were Isaac and Sarah (Brumbaugh) Longenecker, early representatives of that sterling stock of early settlers known as German Baptists or Dunkards. Isaac Longenecker, who was born in Juniata County, Pennsylvania, came to Kosciusko County in 1852, bringing with him his wife and two children. He settled in Tippecanoe Township and while living there accumulated a fine farm and enjoyed the best of reputation among his fellow men. He had grown up impressed by the teachings of honesty, truthfulness and industry, practiced those qualities all his life, and was a lover of country and manifested a deep veneration for the Almighty. He took no active part in politics but gave his life to his home and to the endeavors in which he was successful to provide liberally and wisely for his loved ones. His death occurred January 24, 1888, while his widow passed away January 21, 1906. When the Longenecker family came to Kosciusko County much of the land was still wild and unimproved, and Isaac Longenecker deserves credit for bringing a large number of acres from the dominion of the wilderness into fruitful crops.

Not all the hard work had been accomplished on the old homestead when Conrad D. Longenecker grew to years where his work could be utilized. Almost as far back as he could remember he was employed at some task on the home farm, and his early education was limited to winter terms of the district schools. He lived at home with his parents until the age of twenty-five and had in that time learned and thoroughly practiced the principles of honesty, industry and thrift upon which he has relied for his advancement through the world.

On November 20, 1884, he married Miss Amanda Stull, whose people were among the earliest settlers of Elkhart County. After his marriage Mr. Longenecker took up farming on his own responsibilities and combined that with the carpenter trade, which he learned and in which he became skillful as a young man. From his farm he was called into the county seat of Warsaw by his election to the office of county clerk in 1910, and has now given five years of much appreciated service in that office. He still owns eighty acres of farming land, and is one of the county's highly successful and popular citizens.

In politics he is a republican, and he and his wife are members of the Progressive Dunkard Church. Not least among his distinctions is the fine family of children whom he and his wife have brought into the world and have endeavored to give the best of training and advantages. Their names are : Charles I.; Beatrice, Mrs. I. C. Harbaugh; William R.; Rose; Claude M.; Chester M.; Opal; Fern; and Gerald H.

ROBERT C. IRWIN is a member of the Irwin family that has been identified with Kosciusko County for over half a century and his own life, beginning at manhood without capital, has been made effective through his energy and industry, so that he has been able to provide his family with the comforts of a good farm and home. His farm is in Prairie Township on rural route No. 5 and eight miles northwest of Warsaw.

Mr. Irwin was born in Logan County, Ohio, June 11, 1851, son of Stewart and Sarah A. (Richie) Irwin. The parents were both natives of Ireland. His mother came to the United States at the age of nineteen, and his father when a young man. After their marriage they lived on a farm six miles northwest of Bellefontaine in Logan County, Ohio, until 1856, and then brought their family to Kosciusko County. In Washington Township near Wooster they bought 160 acres, but sold that in 1863 and for a year owned a place of 160 acres near North Webster. Selling this, the family settled in Prairie Township April 4, 1864, and that was the home of the parents the rest of their years. Stewart Irwin died in Harrison Township and his wife passed away October 12, 1917. He was a republican in politics. Their children still living are as follows: Robert C.; John R., a farmer north of Atwood; William G., who also lives north of Atwood; Sarah, wife of Frank Harmon; James S., whose home is in Wisconsin; and Sherman C., of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Robert C. Irwin spent his boyhood from the age of five years in Washington, Tippecanoe and Prairie townships of this county, and during the winter terms attended the neighboring district schools. He was well prepared for the responsibilities of life by training at home, but when on October 25, 1873, he married Ellen J. Bradley he had no capital that would suffice for an independent existence. Therefore, they adapted themselves to circumstances and began housekeeping in a log building. He worked at anything that he could find, rented land, and by much work and thrift accumulated the means which enabled him to buy sixty acres of the land where he now lives.

Mrs. Irwin died July 24, 1893. She was the mother of seven children, five of whom are still living: Clark W., a graduate of the common and high schools, married C. Hawley, a graduate of high school; Charles W., who is married and lives in Wisconsin; Thomas C., unmarried and at home; Howard, who is married and lives in North Dakota; Fay, wife of Frank Huffer of Prairie Township. Mr. Irwin is a member of the Ancient Order of Gleaners, and has been satisfied merely to vote as a republican without aspirations for public office.

A. H. BROWN is one of the live and highly successful business men of Leesburg. He came to Kosciusko County in 1890, being at that time a young man of twenty-seven years who, however, had never accumulated any money as a result of his varied experiences and hard work. He continued his hard working plan after coming to the county, helped operate a threshing machine outfit, but laid the foundation of his real success by using his experience and native ability as a trader. Mr. Brown is regarded by his friends and associates as almost infalli-

ble in his business judgment, and the large amount of property he has amassed is proof that his friends are well justified in making the assertion.

He is one of the leading farmers around Leesburg and is still extensively engaged in real estate. Mr. Brown owns a 540-acre farm in Plain Township, has 200 acres in Wayne Township, owns a large amount of valuable property in Turkey Creek Township, and has a big business as a hardware and building material merchant at Leesburg. He also owns a section of land in North Dakota.

He was born in Carroll County, Indiana, October 12, 1853, son of Thomas and Charlotte (Wells) Brown. His father was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, while the mother was a native of Dayton, Ohio, and they married in that state. On moving to Indiana they located in Carroll County and spent their last years in Cass County, Michigan, where they died. His father was a farmer and the mother was active in the United Brethren Church. Of the nine children only four are still living: Jennie, widow of Loren Moody; Lucy, widow of William Van Norman; William H., a resident of Dowagiac, Michigan; and A. H. Brown.

Mr. A. H. Brown married Miss Fannie Nixon. They had one daughter, Ilah M., who is a graduate of the Leesburg High School and is the wife of F. D. Irwin. Mr. Brown lost his wife in 1885, and now lives with his daughter. He is affiliated with the Elks Lodge at Warsaw and in politics is a republican.

Calvin A. Poor. The name of Calvin A. Poor is familiar among the agriculturists of Kosciusko County as belonging to one of its most industrious citizens and a man who occupies a high position in business circles. He has been the architect of his own fortune, having made his own way in the world from a modest beginning, and has proven a fine example of the beneficial results of patient industry, a wise economy and well-directed judgment. While he is practically retired from active affairs, having passed the age of three score and ten years, he is still interested in the advancement and prosperity of his community, in which practically all of his life has been passed, and the growth and development of which he has watched and fostered.

Mr. Poor was born in Jackson County, Ohio, September 13, 1844, and is a son of John and Sabina (Crarey) Poor, his grandfather being Hugh Poor, who died in the Buckeye State. John Poor was born in Ohio in 1810, and in early life learned the trade of shoemaker, which time-honored vocation he followed during his early years. However, he decided that agriculture offered better opportunities for success, and accordingly, in 1847, he gathered together his possessions, and with his family came to Kosciusko County, settling on a farm in the near vicinity of Warsaw. Here he labored faithfully and industriously to such good purpose that he accumulated 240 acres of land, which he improved with good farm structures, and which was his home at the time of his death, in 1894. While Mr. Poor was not what would be termed a scholar at this time, he was fairly well read and educated for his day, and his sterling qualities of character fully made up for

any book learning which he might have lacked. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and took an active and helpful part in its work, as did also his wife, and his children were reared in that faith. Mr. Poor was a republican, but not a politician, while his fraternal affiliation was with the Masons. While still a resident of Ohio Mr. Poor was married to Miss Sabina Crarey, who was born in Virginia, in 1814, and died at the age of seventy years in Kosciusko County, and they became the parents of eight children, of whom five are living, as follows: Mary, who is the widow of Eli Hayden and resides in the State of Oregon; David, who is engaged in agricultural operations in Kosciusko County; Calvin A.; Susanna, who is the wife of Mr. Pike and lives on the old homestead; and Ellen, who is Mrs. Rudolph Huffer, and also lives on the old family place.

Calvin A. Poor received his education in the country schools of Kosciusko County, and like other farmers' sons of his day and locality when not employed with his books was expected to devote himself to the cultivation of the homestead land. He grew to manhood with the ambition and determination to become a good farmer, and remained under the training of his father until long after he had reached his majority. Mr. Poor established a home of his own at the time of his marriage, in 1875, to Miss Mary O. Stinson, who was born in Kosciusko County, Indiana, daughter of John W. Stinson, one of the early settlers of this county, who still resides here at an advanced age.

Mr. Poor came to his present property in 1885, and during thirty years has brought about many changes. He has a full set of commodious, modern buildings, equipped with every implement for the expeditious and thorough cultivation of the soil, and during the period of his active career devoted himself principally to general farming, raising corn, wheat, oats and hay. This eighty-acre farm, one of the most valuable of its size in the locality, is now being rented, Mr. Poor having practically retired from active life. He is a republican in his political views, and he and Mrs. Poor are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Poor's life has been a long, full and useful one, and he is eminently entitled to the comfort and rest which he now enjoys, as well as to the respect and regard of his fellow-citizens, among whom he has lived so long.

Charles W. Tucker has known Kosciusko County as his home all his life and is junior partner of the firm Downer & Tucker, furniture dealers and undertakers at Claypool.

Mr. Tucker was born in Seward Township of this county February 26, 1873, a son of Joshua and Catherine (Hartung) Tucker. His father was born in Wabash County, Indiana, in 1844, and served four years as a soldier of the Union Army, enlisting as a boy and coming out of the war when scarcely of age. After the war he came to Kosciusko County, married, and settled in Seward Township, and lived there until his death. Though he began life poor, he gave a good account of his abilities and services and developed a good farm of 120 acres. His wife was born in Pennsylvania in 1843. They had ten children, all of whom are still living, five sons and five

daughters, namely: Lewis; Charles W.; Ellis; Otis C.; Ova E.; Dora, wife of Fred McCherry; Fluella J., wife of Orville Blue; Leona, wife of Justin Bunner; Zuda K.; and Mertie Wertenberger.

Mr. Charles W. Tucker grew up on his father's farm and had a district school education. He married Miss Birdie W. Arnold, who was born in Claypool and was educated in the schools of that village. They have had six children, Merle, Clarice (deceased), Jennie, Chauncey, Mahlon and Eva. Mr. Tucker is a past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He votes as a republican. Besides his business he is a stockholder in the local bank at Claypool.

Otis C. Dick is a native of Kosciusko County, and has proved his worth and value to his community as a hard worker and progressive young business man. He is now secretary and treasurer and manager of the Claypool Lumber and Coal Company.

Mr. Dick was born in Clay Township, November 13, 1881, a son of Ira and Flora (Marshall) Dick, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Kosciusko County. Ira Dick has for many years been one of the skillful carpenters of Clay Township. He is a democrat and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the family were two children, Otis C. and Mattie.

Otis C. Dick attended the village schools of Claypool until finishing the work of the common schools, and then started out to make his own living and way in the world. He learned the trade of carpenter, and worked at it several years. He then entered the service of a local lumber company at Claypool, and at the end of eighteen months was made manager. When the company was incorporated he was elected secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Dick married Florence Linn. They have two children, Robert and Herbert. They are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Dick is past noble grand of Claypool Lodge, No. 515, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has sat in the Grand Lodge. He is also past commander of the Knights of the Maccabees. Politically he votes as an independent.

Michael A. Cauffman. Though not a native son of Kosciusko County, Michael A. Cauffman has lived here since early childhood, and is a member of a family whose activities have made them during the last half century among the most prominent and substantial citizens of Clay Township.

Mr. Cauffman was born in Michigan June 5, 1859, son of John and Eva (Sellers) Cauffman. His parents were born and married in Pennsylvania, and after their marriage moved west to Michigan and lived in the vicinity of Niles about five years. They then came to Clay township, and bought the land in section 29 where their son Michael now lives. John Cauffman was not only a capable farmer, but was a minister of the Evangelical Church, and continued preaching until overtaken by advanced age. He was a republican, but was satisfied merely to vote. He was twice married, and had four children by his first wife, all now deceased, and nine by the second marriage, six of

whom are still living: Michael A.; Amelia, wife of Jacob O. Deaton, of Claypool; Levi F., of Lake Township; Nancy, wife of Richard Brown, of Nebraska; Pierce, roadmaster for the Big Four Railway Company, with headquarters at Wabash, Indiana; and John A., who is the present trustee of Clay Township.

Michael A. Cauffman grew up on the farm where he now lives and attended the district schools until he was about thirteen years old. After that he lived at home and helped work the farm until twenty-four.

In September, 1886, he married Miss Elizabeth Bause, who was born in Seward Township of this county, a daughter of George Bause. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cauffman lived twelve years on a farm two and one half miles east of Claypool. They then moved into the village of Claypool and he worked there and in the vicinity until the spring of 1900, when he bought the old homestead, and his capable management of this farm of eighty-nine acres has given him his most solid prosperity.

Mr. and Mrs. Cauffman have four children. Tressie B., a graduate of the common schools, is the wife of Eli Smith, of Clay Township. Elsie G., a graduate of high school and a former teacher, is now the wife of Lawrence Beigh, of Clay Township. Foster W. is a graduate of the common and high schools, also taught for a time, and is now a farmer in Clay Township. He married Testa Arnold. Lester R., a graduate of high school, lives in Lake Township and married Ruth Garman. All of Mr. Cauffman's children are farmers. He has one grandchild. Mr. Cauffman is a republican.

James F. Denny settled on his present farm four and one half miles southeast of Claypool, in Clay Township, thirty years ago, and although he and his wife began as renters, they have since acquired the land and done much to develop it in value and facilities. Mr. Denny has not only prospered in a business way, but is father of a family that does him credit, and altogether the Dennys are people much above the average in education, general intelligence, and in their usefulness to themselves and their community.

Mr. Denny was born on the farm that he now owns March 4, 1863, a son of James and Lucinda (Fisher) Denny. His father was born in North Carolina in 1826 and died February 22, 1867, his death being the result of an accident while he was loading logs. His wife was born in Seneca County, Ohio, in 1840, and died October 14, 1912. Both the Denny and Fisher families came to Indiana in early days and James and Lucinda were reared here, and after their marriage settled in Wabash County, but later moved to the farm in Clay Township where they spent their last years. Mrs. Lucinda Denny was an active member of the Christian Church. Of their seven children five are still living: Emanuel F., a banker and cattle man of Nebraska; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Crider, living in Kansas; Joseph, of Elkhart, Indiana; James F.; and Rosella, wife of Oscar Feigley, of Wisconsin.

James F. Denny grew up on the old homestead and early learned its duties in barn and field, working industriously every summer while

the winters were spent attending the district school. On March 10, 1888, a few days after his twenty-fifth birthday, he married Miss Lettie V. Corrall. Mrs. Denny was born in Kosciusko County and was educated here in the local schools. After their marriage they located on the farm of 120 acres which their united thrift and industry enabled them to buy later, and here they have made their success in life and enjoy the esteem of an entire community. Mr. Denny is also a stockholder in the Packertown Elevator Company. He is independent in politics and his wife is a member of the United Brethren Church at Claypool.

Their six children are: Roy, who is married and lives at Three Rivers, Michigan; Cecil, wife of William Richardson, of South Whitley, Indiana; Prudy, wife of George Petrie, of Clay Township; Dafrema, wife of Ermon McGown, of Harrison Township; James, who is in the service of the United States Government in Texas; and Sparks, who lives on the home farm with his father and married Clara Shull. Mr. and Mrs. Denny also have eight grandchildren.

GEORGE MERKLE. There seems to be no limit to what a man may achieve and the forces and instruments of industry he may come to control provided he has the proper equipment of intelligence and industry and directs his efforts in the right place and with sufficient persistency. Thus twenty-five or thirty years ago George Merkle was known to only a small community in his native State of Illinois as a hard-working tenant farmer. Nearly every one in Kosciusko County knows him in the role of an extensive farmer and land owner, banker and business man, one of the men most directly concerned and interested in the business affairs of Claypool.

Mr. Merkle's home farm is three and one fourth miles southeast of Claypool. He was born in Iroquois County, Illinois, June 30, 1868, son of Christ and Helen (Thascher) Merkle. His parents are both now deceased and their lives were spent as Illinois farmers. George Merkle grew up on a farm, had a district school education, supplemented by commercial and preparatory courses in the Grand Prairie Seminary, and his life was spent quietly at home until twenty-one.

His marriage to Jennie Wallace, of the same county and state, brought him a most valued companion and coadjutor, and together they have solved many of the problems and difficulties that vexed their progress. Mr. and Mrs. Merkle farmed on the renting plan for eight years. For ten years or more Mr. Merkle supplemented his earnings by teaching school. After realizing some capital in Illinois, he sold his interests and moved to some of the cheaper lands of Paulding County, Ohio. He was in that section about two years, and in 1907 came to Kosciusko County, where he bought his present place of 300 acres. Since then his business interests have reached out in various other directions.

Mr. Merkle was one of the organizers and from the first has been president of the State Bank of Claypool. The other officers and directors are: J. O. Deaton, vice president; E. W. Kinsey, cashier; and Leroy W. Caldwell, secretary of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Merkle is also president of the Farmers Elevator Company at Packertown. Levi Fruit is vice president, W. M. Reed is secretary, and the other directors are Samuel Smith and Ode Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Merkle have five children: Roy, born in 1897; Frank, born in 1899; Alice, born in 1907; George, born in 1909; and Robert, born in 1916. Mrs. Merkle is a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Merkle is affiliated with the Odd Fellows Lodge at Claypool.

JACOB O. DEATON. Clay Township, the village of Claypool, and all that section of Kosciusko County have in many ways been impressed by the abilities and influence of the Deaton family, who have lived here over half a century. Few names recur more frequently in the annals of that locality.

The old Deaton homestead of 200 acres, a mile and a half east of Claypool, is now owned and managed by Jacob O. Deaton, who when a youth had the responsibility of helping his widowed mother and the other children in lifting the heavy incumbrance upon the farm, and after those obligations were cleared away Mr. Deaton settled down to a life of prosperity and vigorous agricultural management which continues to the present time.

His great-grandparents were George W. and Susanna (Ream) Deaton. George W. Deaton was born in Botetourt County, Virginia, in 1785, and died in that state in 1826. His wife was also a native of Virginia. During the War of 1812 he bore arms for his country, and after his death his widow moved to Clark County, Ohio, taking with her six sons and three daughters. She died there in 1867. All her children grew up and became well to do and prosperous citizens.

William Deaton, grandfather of Jacob O. Deaton, was proprietor of a saw mill in Clark County, Ohio, and spent his life there. William Deaton married Catherine Leffel, and their oldest son was George W. Deaton.

The founder of the family in Kosciusko County was George W. Deaton, who was born and reared in Clark County, Ohio. March 9, 1856, he married Miss Frances Fortney, a daughter of Jacob and Ann (Knoops) Fortney. In March, 1863, George W. Deaton brought his family to Kosciusko County and settled in Clay Township on land now owned by his son Jacob O. He continued to live in that locality the rest of his life. He and his wife were very active members of the Mount Pleasant Episcopal Church, and he was chorister and otherwise active in the church service. He was prominent in local republican politics, had much eloquence as a speaker, and in 1872 his personal popularity enabled him to overcome the normal democratic majority of eighty, and he had the distinction of being the first republican elected trustee of Clay Township. He was also a charter member of the Grange at Claypool. He was a hard worker, and but for the fact that his life came to a close when still in the prime of his years he would doubtless have accumulated a large estate. As it was he left to his family over 200 acres of land, and they assumed and paid off the obligation. George W. Deaton and wife had eight chil-

dren: William S., born October 15, 1856, died December 25, 1871; Jacob O., born August 26, 1858; Mary B., born December 12, 1860, and died October 10, 1862; John E., born October 16, 1862; Sherman S., born February 23, 1865; Ulysses Grant, born May 19, 1867, and died May 31, 1918; Cyrus B., born July 29, 1869; and Charles G., born April 1, 1874.

Jacob O. Deaton was born in Clark County, Ohio, and was about five years of age when his parents came to Kosciusko County. He grew up here, attended the common schools, and was nineteen years of age when his father died. He remained at home, and worked steadily until $8,000 was cleared off the homestead, and for that time he received wages of $100 a year. He now owns 200 acres of the old homestead, having greatly improved and enhanced the value of the property, and now owns one of the most complete modern rural estates in the county.

August 21, 1883, Mr. Deaton married Miss Mealy Cauffman, a sister of Mr. J. A. Cauffman, elsewhere noted in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Deaton have nine children: George W., born June 2, 1884; John L., born September 23, 1885; Florence E., born June 1, 1888, wife of Carl Haines; Fluella B., born June 16, 1890, and now the wife of Horace Tucker, grandson of Horace Tucker; Fern C., born March 30, 1892, a former school teacher and now the wife of Ernest Carr, of Lake Township; Sherman B., born February 5, 1895, a former school teacher but now a farmer; Ruth A., born November 23, 1896, and also a teacher; Orie B., born July 29, 1898, who has taught school two terms; and Delphia, born March 7, 1903.

The family are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Claypool. Mr. Deaton is affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees, and is one of the influential republicans of this part of the county. He served as committeeman from 1880 to 1912, and was a member of the county commissioners from 1900 to January, 1907.

Besides his farm Mr. Deaton now gives much of his time to the State Bank of Claypool, which he helped organize in 1917. The officers of the bank are George Merkle, president; J. O. Deaton, vice president; E. W. Kinsey, cashier; while the other directors are Boyd Popham, Leroy Caldwell, Emery Metzger, Theodore Parker.

JOHN A. PITTENGER. As breeder and raiser of thoroughbred Shropshire sheep, Berkshire hogs, Belgian horses and Shorthorn cattle, John A. Pittenger has a reputation far beyond the limits of Kosciusko County. Men far and near are accustomed to making more or less regular trips to the Big Oak Stock Farm in order to secure the finest pedigreed strains for improving their own herds. Mr. Pittenger's farm in Wayne Township is a model place of its kind, and its improvements and adaptation to the uses of modern stock raising are the results of an exceptional degree of enterprise on his part. He has spent money, patience and labor in laying the foundation of his various herds, and when it is considered how many years he has spent in this business and how carefully he has studied it it is a matter of no surprise that his stock on exhibition has taken more first premiums than

have been bestowed upon any other individual stock breeder in the county.

The Pittenger is a well known and prominent old family of Kosciusko County. Mr. Pittenger was born on the farm he now owns May 20, 1863, son of A. D. and Asenath (Poulson) Pittenger. He grew up here, his education coming from the common schools and the Warsaw High School. Mr. Pittenger married Vera Elder, also a native of Kosciusko County. They have three children: Ada F., Allen Dean and Vera. Mr. Pittenger is affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men.

As a farmer he started early to develop good grades of livestock, and at first handled Shorthorn cattle exclusively. Gradually he has broadened his enterprise to include cattle, hogs, horses and sheep. His horses are all registered Belgian Percherons with recorded pedigrees recognized in all the registers of this country and abroad. He has exhibited his stock at all the county fairs, and is himself an authority on some fine points of the various strains which he has developed. Mr. Pittenger owns two fine farms, his homestead being registered under the name of Oak Stock Farm.

Rev. John B. Dunkleberger. The esteem and respect paid to Rev. John B. Dunkleberger is not confined to the people of Kosciusko County. As a minister of the Gospel he has served communities in various sections of Indiana and in other states, but at the same time has carried on progressive farming as a resident of Monroe Township for many years. Rev. Mr. Dunkleberger's home is nine miles southeast of Warsaw, and he is one of the foremost citizens of that locality.

He was born in Wayne Township of this county April 9, 1867, son of Daniel and Hannah V. (Peterson) Dunkleberger. His father was born in Pennsylvania and his mother in Ohio, and they married in the latter state and subsequently came to Kosciusko County and found a tract of farming land in Wayne Township southeast of Warsaw, where they were quiet and industrious and prosperous people the rest of their lives. Both were members of the United Brethren Church. Of their ten children eight are still living: Samuel, a retired farmer in Arkansas; William, a minister of the Christian Church living in Arkansas; Daniel, a preacher in the same church in Missouri; Andrew, of Claypool, Indiana; Hannah V., who is married and lives in Wyoming; David L., a minister of the Christian Church at Shelbyville, Indiana; John B.; and Mrs. Martha B. Black, of Oklahoma.

John B. Dunkleberger grew up on the old farm in Wayne Township and afterwards supplemented the education he acquired in the district schools with theological and literary studies in various localities. He spent two years in the Theological School at Canton, Missouri. He was ordained to the ministry of the Christian Church in Kosciusko County, but the first seven years of his practical ministry were spent in Iowa. On returning to Indiana he had charge of churches at St. Joseph and Newville. Then for seven years he did farming and preaching alternately.

On January 22, 1888, Mr. Dunkleberger married Anna E. Pot-

tenger. Mrs. Dunkleberger, a daughter of William K. Pottenger, was born on the farm where she now lives and was educated in the district schools. They are the parents of two children: Russell H. and Edith M. Russell is a graduate of the public schools, has attended Valparaiso University and Winona Lake Schools, and is a teacher. Edith has acquired a good education in the public schools and has had three years of musical training. One child of Rev. Mr. Dunkleberger and wife is deceased. He carries insurance with the North American Union, and in politics is a republican. As a farmer Mr. Dunkleberger is successfully applying his efforts to the management of a hundred acres of land, and operates it as a general farm, with good livestock as the chief source of his revenue.

JOHN A. CAUFFMAN. No one could spend much time in Clay Township without coming to know or know of John A. Cauffman, one of the older residents, a capable and thrifty farmer, and a man whose usefulness has made him an important factor in the community's welfare. Mr. Cauffman is now serving as township trustee.

He was born in Clay Township January 28, 1864, son of John and Eva (Sellers) Cauffman, both of whom were natives of Juniata County, Pennsylvania. They grew up and married there, and after their marriage lived about five years in Michigan, and from there moved to Kosciusko County and settled on a farm two miles south of Claypool, in Clay Township. John Cauffman was not only a practical farmer, but also a minister of the Evangelical Church for many years. He was a republican voter. By his second wife he had nine children, five of whom are still living: Michael, a farmer on the home place two miles south of Claypool; Amelia, wife of J. O. Deaton, of Clay Township; John A.; Levi, a farmer in Lake Township; Nancy, wife of Richard Brown, living in Nebraska; and the other members of the family, including one who died in infancy, are Alice, who married Jacob W. Shoemaker, and Cora, who became the wife of Rev. Mr. Hill.

John A. Cauffman spent his boyhood days on the old farm south of Claypool. After attending the district schools he went to work for the railway on the section gang, and for sixteen years was section foreman. In the meantime he married Mary Garman, who left him three sons: Earl O., a graduate of the common schools and high school and now a resident of Montana; Carl, who also graduated from high school and lives on one of his father's farms; Edward, who in addition to his high school course, graduated from Winona and was formerly superintendent of the Burkett public schools, is now serving in the United States Army. For his second wife Mr. Cauffman married Lydia Dick. They have two children, Raymond and Marjorie, both graduates of the common schools.

The family are members of the United Brethren Church at Claypool. Mr. Cauffman has been a sturdy republican and his personal popularity is reflected in the fact that while Clay Township normally has a margin of thirty-eight democratic majority, he was elected to his office as trustee by one vote over his opponent. Mr. Cauffman's work and character deserve all the support he has received in public

affairs. His home farm comprises 120 acres, and he has another place of seventy-seven acres, and all of this represents his individual toil and good management. He is also one of the stockholders in the Farmers State Bank at Claypool.

JOHN KIMES. Representing a family that came to Kosciusko County more than eighty years ago, and one of the most enterprising and prosperous agriculturists of Clay Township, John Kimes owns a splendid farm a mile and a half east and a mile north of Claypool. He has his land improved with buildings, equipped with machinery and other facilities, with home and everything in perfect order, and it constitutes a place such as may well arouse pride in what he has done.

Mr. Kimes, who is also one of the county commissioners of Kosciusko County, was born in Plain Township, about three miles north of Warsaw, January 23, 1851, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Gensinger) Kimes.

His father, Jacob Kimes, was born in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, March 17, 1814, a son of Peter and Nancy (Leggett) Kimes. He grew to manhood in his native state, and he and Elizabeth Gensinger were married in 1833. In 1836 they moved from Ohio, where they had spent the first three years of their married life, and settled on a farm in section 31 of Plain Township, entering 118 acres from the government in the old "Monoquet Reserve." That land, situated three and one half miles north of Warsaw, was in the midst of the heavy woods, and many times in the early days he had to go only a short distance from his log cabin to kill a deer; in fact it is recorded that he killed a deer the first day he arrived in the county. For years he was a noted hunter, and most of the meat consumed by the family was furnished by his rifle. In early times he took his corn to Lafayette and also to Goshen, and had many experiences in traveling over the rough roads and trails of those days. He began farming immediately upon his arrival in Kosciusko County. Prosperity came to him in large measure, and in time he owned 600 acres of land. He was a republican, first voting as a whig, and at one time served as road supervisor. His wife died in 1884, and he lived to very advanced years. He and his wife had been married more than half a century. They were the parents of eleven children, and those to reach mature years were George, Jacob, Daniel, John, Susan and Catherine. Only two are now living, John Kimes and his sister Catherine, wife of Salem Black, of Warsaw. The son George saw more than two years of service as a soldier in the Civil war.

Mr. John Kimes grew up on the old farm north of Warsaw and his school advantages were limited to the district schools during the winter, while his summers were spent on the farm. He was part of the home circle until July 4, 1875, when he married Miss Alice Kelley. Mrs. Kimes was born in Plain Township July 2, 1854, daughter of William and Celina (Parker) Kelley, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. Her parents were married in Kosciusko County and they lived in Plain Township until the death of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Kimes kept house and did their work as farmers on

the old farm homestead five years after their marriage, and in 1880 they bought the farm where they now live, and have occupied it continuously since 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Kimes own about 300 acres. They also lived five years in the village of Claypool.

They are the parents of four children: Ona, a graduate of the common schools, is the wife of Charles Clace, of Wayne Township; Minnie is the wife of Joseph Leiter, of Clay Township; Avery, a graduate of the common schools, married Lucy Leckrone; and Horace J. lives in Clay Township and married Alma Parker.

The family are members of Mount Pleasant Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Kimes is one of the church officials and very active in its behalf. He is a republican in politics and has always been interested in the good of his party and the welfare of his community. As county commissioner he served one entire term, and was re-elected for a second term, but on account of ill health resigned after one year. Mr. and Mrs. Kimes have a most interesting family, and besides their own children they have seventeen grandchildren.

Emsley A. Arnold. There is perhaps no better known citizen in the southern part of Kosciusko County than Emsley A. Arnold, who has been a practical farmer in Lake Township most of his life.

He was born on the farm where he now resides November 19, 1861. He was reared by his grandfather, Martin Arnold, who was born in Knox County, Ohio, in 1809, and was one of the pioneer settlers of Kosciusko County. He entered 160 acres of Government land and lived there until his death. He was an ordained minister of the Christian Church and voted as a republican.

Emsley A. Arnold grew up on the farm, attended district schools, and lived with his grandfather until his marriage. December 31, 1881, Miss Amanda Garman became his wife. She was born in Allen County, Indiana, but her parents came to Kosciusko County when she was three months old, and here she grew up and received her education.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Arnold farmed the old home place for seven years, then bought a farm, and subsequently acquired the 145 acres which constitutes their present home. They have two children, Oder A. and Vesta M. Oder lives just across the road from his father, and by his marriage to Alma Whitmer has one daughter. Vesta is a graduate of the common schools and is the wife of Foster Cauffman of Clay Township.

Mr. Arnold is a republican in politics. His fellow partisans and citizens have manifested such confidence in his good judgment that he is now the nominee of his party for county commissioner to represent the southern district.

Leroy W. Caldwell. Leroy W. Caldwell is a member of an old Clay Township family, is a man of university training and education, and is applying his efforts to the business of agriculture. His farm home two miles southwest of Claypool illustrates much of the spirit of progressiveness and efficiency that are characteristic of the intelligent and high minded generation of modern farmers.

Some of the first things in the history of Clay Township revolve around the Caldwell family. His great-grandfather, Joshua Caldwell, came from West Virginia to Kosciusko County in January, 1837, and entered land near Claypool. He came along with members of the Minear family, who were also among the first pioneers of that township. History records that the first religious services were held in Joshua Caldwell's cabin in the winter of 1837, a Methodist missionary preaching. The first Sunday school was organized in the same cabin the next year.

Joshua Caldwell had two sons, Isaac and David. David died at the age of twenty-eight, leaving a son, David A., who is now living in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Isaac Caldwell married Eliza Jameson, and their two sons were William and Joshua V., the latter dying in 1884. William Caldwell, father of Leroy W., was born in Clay Township in October, 1852, grew up on the old farm and had a district school education. He married Anna Wells, a daughter of William P. and Almira (Truax) Wells. Her parents were also early settlers of Kosciusko County. William Caldwell and wife have two children, Leroy W. and Clare.

Leroy W. Caldwell, who was born on the old farm in Clay Township August 10, 1881, grew up in the country, attended the district schools, the Claypool High School, and later graduated A. B. from Indiana University. While in university he paid his way largely through his earnings as a teacher. He was principal of the Claypool High School, and for two years was a teacher in the Central High School at Pueblo, Colorado. He finally gave up the occupation of teacher and returned to Kosciusko County and engaged in farming. Besides his farm he is one of the directors of the State Bank of Claypool. Mr. Caldwell is a democrat in politics, is affiliated with Lake City Lodge No. 73, Free and Accepted Masons; Warsaw Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Warsaw Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, and is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Warsaw, and is a member of the Kappa Sigma College fraternity.

In August, 1906, he married Anna Jaques. Mrs. Caldwell is a graduate of the Silver Lake High School. They have two children: William Isaac, born October 28, 1907; and Florrie C., born March 18, 1916.

JOEL F. THOMPSON. A long life lived with honor, with fidelity to high principles, with worthy service to his family and his fellow men, has been that of Joel F. Thompson, one of the best known residents of Clay Township. His home is six miles southeast of Claypool, and he has been a resident of Kosciusko County more than half a century.

Mr. Thompson was born in Pennsylvania June 28, 1836, a son of William and Catherine (Young) Thompson, and a grandson of William Thompson, of English ancestry. His grandfather spent most of his life in Pennsylvania. His father, William Thompson, Jr., was apprenticed to the tailor's trade, but also lived on thirty acres of land and combined farm supervision along with tailoring. He and his wife were both active Methodists. They had a family of five children:

Sarah, widow of John Chase, who now lives in Wisconsin; William, deceased; Daniel W., who saw service as a Union soldier in the Civil war, is now married and lives in Clay Township of this county; John, who died in 1913; and Joel F.

Joel F. Thompson grew up in Pennsylvania and was educated by means of the subscription and public schools of his native state. When he was about seventeen years old he attended a high school in Pennsylvania, and soon afterward came to Indiana and entered upon a work that occupied him for twenty-eight years, that of teaching. With the exception of one term in Huntington County and one in Wabash County, all his work was done in Kosciusko County, and there are many people still living past middle age who have kindly and interesting memories of him as a teacher. This occupation he followed during the winter terms, and the rest of the year was a farmer.

In 1859 Mr. Thompson married Elizabeth Fisher. The following year he bought eighty acres of land covered with brush and timber, and in 1863 moved to the farm where he now lives in Clay Township, consisting of 200 acres. He also has another place of 120 acres north of the home farm. It was as a farmer that he acquired his substantial prosperity, and for many years he has lived in comfort and liberally provided for the children who grew up under his roof, and most of whom are now settled in homes of their own.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson had ten children, and seven are still living. Sarah is the wife of Simon Shults, of Clay Township; Samuel is also a resident of Clay Township; Luella is the wife of Jacob Galls, of Scott Township; Calvin, a Clay Township farmer; Emma, wife of Layman Vance, who manages and lives on the home farm; Melissa, who is the wife of James Snoke, of Clay Township; and Marshall, who is a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music and lives in Fort Wayne. The mother of these children, after more than half a century of happy married life, died in the fall of 1915.

Mr. Thompson is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Packertown, and was formerly one of the church trustees. In politics he is a democrat. He served one term as trustee of Jackson Township, and for two terms was honored with a similar office in Clay Township. He is also a stockholder in the Packertown Farmers Elevator Company.

THOMAS B. HATFIELD. While Clay Township is noted for the fertility of its soil, the success which attends the labors of some of the agriculturists there cannot be altogether attributed to this fact. A thorough understanding of the principles of farming and the possession of the good judgment and the industry to apply them are, after all, the greatest factors in making a farmer's life pleasant and profitable. One of the intelligent, well informed farmers of this section is Thomas B. Hatfield, proprietor of Maple Grove Farm, situated a mile and a half west of Claypool, in Clay Township.

Mr. Hatfield was born in what is now Lake Township of Kosciusko County, January 31, 1856, son of Jacob and Lydia (Shook) Hatfield. The name Hatfield has been rather numerously and prominently identified with Kosciusko County from almost pioneer days. Jacob Hat-

field and his wife were both natives of Ohio. He was born October 4, 1830, and died in 1880, and his wife was born May 24, 1835. Their respective families came to Kosciusko County in the early days, and Jacob and Lydia were married here. Much of their farming was done on the land now owned and occupied by their son Thomas. The parents were faithful members of the United Brethren Church at Center, and Jacob Hatfield was a loyal democrat. Jacob and Lydia Hatfield were splendid people, and the merit of their own lives and characters was transmitted to their children. The record of their children is a remarkable one, since there were eighteen sons and daughters, and most of them grew to maturity, and a number of them are still in Kosciusko County. The names of these children, with the dates of their birth and some other facts, are recorded as follows: Leander V., born May 27, 1854, a farmer in Clay Township; Thomas B.; Sarah E. and Aurilla I., twins, born May 6, 1857, both now deceased; Mary C., born December 16, 1858, wife of Z. Gunder, of Jackson Township; Isaac E., born September 11, 1860, now deceased; Chester N., born May 8, 1862, a farmer in Jackson Township of Huntington County; Jacob M., born November 21, 1863, a resident of Indianapolis; Della E., born September 9, 1866, deceased; Emma J., born March 7, 1865, wife of A. J. Gunter; Martha C., born September 2, 1868, wife of William Rhoads, of Onatchee, Washington; Alice E., born September 9, 1869, wife of George Maddux, of Plymouth, Indiana; Andrew D., born March 22, 1871, deceased; Phoebe V., born August 11, 1872, wife of Charles Ernsberger, of Elkhart, Indiana; Florence B., born July 23, 1874, deceased; Rosella, born July 10, 1875, deceased; Laura E., born February 9, 1877; and Nora E., born July 31, 1879, deceased.

Thomas B. Hatfield grew up on the farm where he now resides. His education was supplied by the district schools, and at the age of eighteen he took an effective part in the handling of the home farm. About two years later he became a saw mill worker, and followed that occupation for eight or nine years. On December 24, 1886, Mr. Hatfield married Elnora Thompson. Mrs. Hatfield was born in Clay Township June 24, 1865, a daughter of D. W. and Anna (Fisher) Thompson, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Jackson Township of this county. Mrs. Hatfield was reared in Clay Township and was educated in the local schools there.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Hatfield became manager of the C. L. Lucas farm, but after two years moved to Jackson Township and bought a small tract of land, and lived there altogether for seventeen years. In 1910 he moved to his present place in Clay Township, the old Hatfield farm, and in the cultivation of its fertile acres he is finding ample return for his labors and is enjoying the comforts of one of the good country homes of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield are members of the United Brethren Church at Claypool. He is affiliated with Claypool Lodge No. 515, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past noble grand. He is now and for a number of years has been quite active in the cause of temperance and the prohibition party.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield have a family of eight children: Ethel M.,

a graduate of the common schools and wife of Charles Horner of Hegewisch, Illinois; Charles L., a soldier, who married Cordelia Jeffries; Lillie A., a graduate of the common schools, wife of Ernest Jameson, of Monroe Township; James I., who represents the family with the United States armies in France; Daniel R., who lives in Clay Township and married Letitia Rhodes; Donald D., a graduate of high school and still at home; Susie P. and Esther T., who are also members of the home circle.

LEVI F. CAUFFMAN is one of the men who are upholding the record of Kosciusko County as a great agricultural center, and is directing the productive forces of a fine farm of 200 acres in Clay and Lake townships, one and one half miles east and two miles south of Claypool, on rural route No. 2 out of that town.

Mr. Cauffman was born on a farm in Clay Township, August 26, 1869, a son of John and Eva (Sellers) Cauffman. His parents were both born in Pennsylvania, and after their marriage the father lived five years in Michigan and then came to Kosciusko County. He located two miles south of Claypool and here he spent the rest of his days. For fifteen years he was an ordained minister of the Evangelical Church, and served as a local preacher for a number of years in Kosciusko County. He had a fluent command of both the English and German languages, and conducted services in both tongues. He was twice married and by his first wife had five children. The children of his second marriage were: Michael A., a farmer in Clay Township; Amelia, wife of Jacob O. Deaton, of Clay Township; Alice, deceased; John A., present trustee of Clay Township; Nancy, who married Richard Brown and lives in Nebraska; Levi F.; Pierce, who lives at Wabash, Indiana, and is track master for the Big Four Railway; and Cora, wife of Silas Hill.

Levi F. Cauffman grew up on the old homestead two miles south of Claypool, attended the district schools there, and was identified with the work of the home farm for a number of years. On May 26, 1894, he established a home of his own by his marriage to Gertrude Bodkin. She was born in Clay Township. After their marriage they farmed the old Cauffman farm four years, then rented the Wilson farm, and gradually out of experience and their modest accumulations ventured to make their first purchase of thirty-nine acres, going in debt for the land. After they had paid for it they sold and bought eighty acres contained in their present farm. This was their home for a year and a half. Mrs. Cauffman then inherited eighty acres of land, and together they bought forty acres adjoining, so that their present place comprises 200 acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Cauffman have two children. Flossie, born August 25, 1899, is a graduate of the common schools and still at home. Beulah was born May 10, 1906. Mr. Cauffman is a republican.

THOMAS W. BOGGS, whose farm home is in Clay Township, five miles south of Warsaw, is a member of an old family of this county, where the people of that name have lived since this country was a

wilderness of woods and swamp. What Kosciusko County is today is largely the reflection of the energies and activities and influences created by such sturdy and upright families as that given particular attention in this sketch.

The founder of the name here was Andrew Hamilton Boggs, whose death on his ninety-sixth birthday, March 7, 1917, removed perhaps the oldest pioneer from the county's citizenship. He was born in Jackson County, Ohio, March 7, 1821, son of Andrew and Susanna (Bowen) Boggs, who were natives of Greenbrier County, Virginia. Andrew Boggs, Sr., took his family to Indiana about 1825, living in Wayne and Henry Counties, where his wife died May 4, 1834. Soon after her death he moved to Blackford County, where he married a second time, and served for a period as associate judge of the County Court of Delaware County. He was also one of the proprietors of Hartford City, county seat of Blackford County. His long and useful life came to a close January 27, 1854.

Andrew H. Boggs had very limited educational opportunities, but nevertheless his powers of observation and keen intelligence elevated him to a position where he enjoyed the respect of the best citizens of his community. From the age of fourteen he was practically on his own resources. In the spring of 1835, with two brothers, he left Wayne County for LaPorte County, making the journey on foot. During the same year he made a further journey to the Miami Reserve at Peru, but in the fall of 1835 came to Kosciusko County and for a time made his home with his brother-in-law, Joel Long, Sr., near Leesburg. His principal asset was ability to work hard and untiringly, and many days he labored at wages of only twenty-five cents a day. This industry, coupled with integrity and thrift, brought him gradually up the road to independence. December 14, 1843, he married Miss Martha Ann Thomas, a native of Indiana and daughter of Antipas and Axsa Thomas, natives of Tennessee. The Thomas family also became residents of Kosciusko County in the fall of 1835. After his marriage Andrew H. Boggs lived on part of the Thomas farm, but soon afterwards engaged in the hotel business at Leesburg four years. He then resumed his residence in Prairie Township, and in 1868 moved from there to a farm near Clunette. In that locality his years were peacefully and usefully spent until his death. He was a man of very charitable disposition, was devout in his religious practices, and a democratic voter. His wife died June 3, 1886. Their children were: Axsa S., who now lives at Warsaw, widow of S. D. Anglin, a former county superintendent of schools in this county; Thomas W.; John L., who married Rose Norris and lives in Monroe Township; Lucinda, deceased; Samuel, of Kosciusko County; Clinton, of Mentone, Indiana; Jennie, wife of Mr. Shinn, of Oklahoma; Rose, deceased; and Harvey D., of Prairie Township.

Mr. Thomas W. Boggs was born on his father's place three miles west of Leesburg in March, 1849. He grew up there, attended the public schools, and from early manhood has been identified steadily with farming. Mr. Boggs and family now have 150 acres in Clay

Township, and it has been under his management as a general farm and stock proposition for many years. In politics he is a democrat.

Mr. Boggs married Matilda Hildebrand. They became the parents of three children: Alice V. is the wife of Frank McKrill; Lillie is the wife of Joseph Huffer; Edward H. is a resident of Clay Township. The mother of these children died December 25, 1913. For his present wife Mr. Boggs married Birtie Boggs, formerly a resident of Oklahoma.

William Heisler has long enjoyed a substantial position in the community of Clay Township, where he has spent most of his active years, and is proprietor of a fine farm, well adapted to general agriculture and stock raising. This farm and his home are in section 6 of Clay Township, on rural route No. 4 out of Claypool.

Mr. Heisler was born in Stark County, Ohio, July 6, 1845, a son of John and Mary (Zeiders) Heisler. His father was a native of Germany and his mother of France. Both came to the United States when young people, were married in Stark County, Ohio, and in the fall of 1863 brought their family to Kosciusko County and located on the farm in Clay Township where their son William now resides. They were active members of the Lutheran Church, and the father was a democrat. In their family were five children: Catherine, now deceased, was twice married, her first husband being Mr. Byerly, and her second Mr. Valentine; Paulina lives in Clay Township, the widow of Sylvester Kinsey; William is the third in age; Emanuel is a farmer near Hiawatha, Kansas; and John is a farmer near Etna Green, Indiana.

William Heisler was eighteen years old when he came to Kosciusko County, and his early education was acquired in the district schools of Ohio. He grew up inured to the rugged discipline of the farm, and made his home with his parents as long as they lived, and now owns 110 acres, including the old homestead.

Mr. Heisler married Mary Bules, and three children were born to them, two of whom are living. They are: Winfield, who is unmarried and still at home; and William, who lives in Seward Township and married Nora Saulsgoer. The mother of these children died and Mr. Heisler married for his present wife Ida Good. They have a son Charles, who is a graduate of the common schools, and Floyd, who is also still at home.

The family are members of the Lutheran Church. He has been a man of prominence in his locality, served four years as trustee of Clay Township, and also as a member of the advisory board. He votes as a democrat.

Daniel W. Smith is one of the more recent additions to the citizenship of Kosciusko County, and is especially well known in the Claypool community, where for several years he has been rendering the service of a general merchant.

Mr. Smith is a Southerner by birth and ancestry. He was born in the State of Mississippi, June 14, 1879, a son of Nicholas and Mary

(Musselwhite) Smith. Both parents are deceased, and their four children are: Laura, W. C., Daniel W. and Katie. Both daughters are married and living in the South.

Daniel W. Smith grew up on a farm, had a public school education and attended a commercial college. He lived at home until nineteen years of age, and his first business experience was working in a grocery store for eighteen months. He then invested his modest capital in 110 acres of raw land, opened up part of it, and then sold at a handsome profit. Following that for ten years he was engaged in the woodworking business and made much headway as a furniture manufacturer. In July, 1911, Mr. Smith came north and was located at Peru, Indiana, until January 1, 1912, when he came to Claypool. Here he bought a half interest in a general store, and on December 15, 1917, became its sole proprietor. He has a good business, and his patronage is steadily growing and extending over all the trade territory naturally tributary to Claypool.

September 10, 1910, Mr. Smith married Edna Mabel Black at Claypool. She was born in Seward Township of this county, and is a graduate of the Claypool High School. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the United Brethren Church at Claypool. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, and Mrs. Smith is active in the Rebekahs. Politically he votes as a democrat.

Francis M. Downing is well known in Kosciusko County as a former teacher, and is now senior partner of the firm Downing & Tucker, a progressive firm of merchants at Claypool.

Mr. Downing was born in Clay Township of this county January 8, 1874, son of Francis and Mary E. (Allison) Downing. His father was born near Newcastle, Indiana, May 15, 1847, and spent most of his boyhood near Swayzee, in Grant County, Indiana. At the age of twenty he married Miss Allison, who was born near Peru, in Miami County, Indiana. In 1868 they moved to Kosciusko County and located three miles east and a half a mile north of Claypool. At that time they had no resources and worked hard and saved in order to get a start. Francis Downing was one of the good farmers of the township, and also enjoyed a large practice as a veterinary surgeon. He died in December, 1911, and his widow is still living on the old farm. Both were members of the United Brethren Church. The father was a republican. Of their five children one died in infancy. The others are: Arthur A., who lives near Dickinson, North Dakota; William H., of Clay Township; Francis M.; and Delia, wife of Calvin Thompson, of Clay Township.

Francis M. Downing grew up on the farm, and besides the district schools attended college at North Manchester, and through his own earnings paid his way through Valparaiso University. After graduating he taught school, and has seven terms of successful work to his credit. From teaching he engaged in business at Claypool.

November 18, 1899, Mr. Downing married Maude I. Arnold, who was born in the village of Claypool and was educated in the local schools. She is a daughter of M. W. and B. J. (Foust) Arnold, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Downing have two children: Donald,

a graduate of the common schools and now a high school pupil, and Francis M., who is in the grade schools. Mrs. Downing is a member of the Christian Science Church. Mr. Downing is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Chapter at Warsaw, and also with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Maccabees. In the Odd Fellows he is a past noble grand and member of the Grand Lodge. Politically he votes as a republican.

GEORGE B. PONTIUS. Since 1851 the name Pontius has figured prominently in the affairs of Clay Township, and in fact in the entire county. Members of this family did some of the pioneer work of clearing away the wilderness and making new farms, some of them have always been farmers and have lived in close touch with the soil, some have been business men, and all have represented that class of citizenship which means most to any progressive community. Mr. George B. Pontius represents the third generation of the family in Kosciusko County, and for many years he has been successfully engaged in business at Claypool, where he is owner of the Claypool Elevator.

His great-grandfather's name was Napoleon Pontius. His grandfather, David Pontius, was born in Ohio, in Pickaway County, and grew up in that state. In Seneca County he married Anna Helzel, who was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia, daughter of Henry Helzel. Henry Helzel became a prominent citizen of Noble County, Indiana, filled a number of places of public trust, including recorder, treasurer and tax collector, and collected taxes in the early days, riding horseback all over the county. David Pontius and wife had children named Susanna, Elizabeth, James, Rebecca, Amos, Lucinda, Isaac, Sarah, Huldah, Catherine and Henry. All were born in Ohio except Henry. In April, 1851, David Pontius and family located on a farm in Clay Township of Kosciusko County. He lived there until his death in 1871. Before Clay and Lake Townships were set off he served two terms as assessor of the district. He was a very consistent member of the United Brethren Church. His son Isaac died while a soldier in the Union Army in the Twelfth Indiana Infantry.

Amos Pontius, father of George B., was born in Ohio, and was thirteen years of age when the family came to Kosciusko County. He had a district school education, and after his marriage settled on a farm near Claypool. He also did business as contractor and builder at Warsaw and Pierceton, and in 1866 built a lumber mill in Franklin Township. It was in 1873 that he bought the interests of the other heirs in the homestead farm, and he lived there quietly engaged in the pursuits of agriculture until his death in 1915. He was a charter member of Claypool Lodge No. 515 of the Odd Fellows, served as its first secretary, and was a member of the Grand Lodge. He was a live and energetic democrat in politics, and a man distinguished always by good citizenship. In 1860 he married Miss Amanda M. Huff, who was born in Ashland County, Ohio, and was brought to Kosciusko County by her parents in 1858. She is still living at the old home. Amos Pontius and wife had four children: Oliver C., of Brown County,

Indiana; George B.; Isaac N.. of Monroe, Indiana; and Edward E., of Claypool.

George B. Pontius spent most of his boyhood on the old farm, attended district school during the winter time, and from the age of nineteen until twenty-eight lived at home and assisted his father in tending the crops. He then entered the livestock business, and for twenty years has had his home and interests concentrated at Claypool. Some years ago he bought the local elevator and a large part of the grain that goes to market every year from this vicinity is handled by him. He is also a stockholder of the State Bank of Claypool. In 1918 he contributed a hotel and two new business rooms to the village, and all that concerns the welfare of his community is a matter of deep interest to him. He is active as a democrat, is a member of the county committee, and attended the Baltimore Convention in 1912 when Woodrow Wilson was nominated. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Improved Order of Red Men, and the Knights of the Maccabees. He and his family are also identified with the United Brethren Church.

Mr. Pontius married Miss Eva Williams, a native of Kosciusko County, and a successful teacher before her marriage. They have two children. Delta is a graduate of the high school and specialized in music at the Indiana Central College, and is now the wife of Walter K. Lohr, of Claypool. Lowell B. is a graduate of high school and of the Fort Wayne Business College, and is associated with his father in the management of the Claypool Elevator.

Charles E. Thomas, M. D. A very successful and talented physician and surgeon, Dr. Thomas has been a leader in his profession in Kosciusko County for a number of years, and has built up a large and successful practice at Leesburg. He is the present secretary and treasurer of the County Medical Society.

Dr. Thomas was born in Cass County, Indiana, December 7, 1874, son of Alvin H. and Sarah (Canine) Thomas. His father was a native of Preble County, Ohio, while his mother was born in Cass County, Indiana, where they married. Alvin Thomas went to Cass County when a youth, and at the age of seventeen volunteered for service in the Union Army, being a soldier for two years with the 130th Indiana Infantry. After the war he returned to Cass County, and in 1869 married and settled on a farm near Galveston. In 1887 he retired from the farm and moved to the village of Galveston, where he followed merchandising. He was always active in the Methodist Church and was a good, loyal democrat. In his family were four children, John O., a graduate of high school and now in the insurance business at Tipton, Indiana; Dr. Charles E.; Cora J., a graduate of high school and wife of Rev. T. J. Johnson, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Conference located at Fort Wayne; and Audra, a graduate of high school and stenographer with the Public Utility Company at Fort Wayne.

Dr. Charles E. Thomas was reared on a farm to the age of thirteen. During this time he attended district schools and later graduated from

the Galveston High School. He also carried literary studies in the Indiana University and graduated from the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis. Following his graduation he spent a year as interne in Hope Hospital, and was also an assistant at the Home for Feeble Minded. Dr. Thomas came to Leesburg in 1900, and his service and skill have been given every test of reliability and high minded professional conduct. He is a member in good standing of the various local and district medical societies and of the American Medical Association. Dr. Thomas is now serving as president of the Board of Education of Leesburg. He is one of the official members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for the past fifteen years has served as superintendent of the Sunday School. He is affiliated with Leesburg Lodge No. 182, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; is past chancellor of his Lodge of Knights of Pythias, and is a member of both the subordinate and encampment degrees of Odd Fellowship. Politically he is a republican.

Dr. Thomas married Ina B. Fettro, daughter of Rev. J. T. Fettro, for many years a minister of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Thomas was born at Mount Aetna in Huntington County, Indiana, and is a graduate of the Goshen High School and spent one year in DePauw University. Doctor and Mrs. Thomas have two children, Everett Winton and Frances E., the former aged ten and the latter six years.

CHARLES THOMAS is one of the best known business men of Leesburg, has been a general merchant there for sixteen years, and is now postmaster. He represents one of the oldest families of Kosciusko County, one that was established in Plain Township more than eighty years ago.

His grandfather, Antibas Thomas, was a native of North Carolina. About 1828 he moved with his parents to Union County, Indiana, and in 1834 settled in the wilderness of Kosciusko County, where he spent his last days. He died in 1838.

Andrew J. Thomas, father of the Leesburg postmaster, was born in Prairie Township of Kosciusko County November 25, 1835, the youngest of thirteen children. He grew up in a frontier district, attended the common schools, and in the fall of 1861 enlisted in the Second Indiana Cavalry. He was with his regiment in many campaigns and in much scouting service, and during the advance upon Atlanta he had a horse shot from under him and was captured by the enemy and was a prisoner of war at Andersonville from July, 1864, until February, 1865, when he was exchanged. At the close of the war he received an honorable discharge and returning to Kosciusko County, married and engaged in farming. He was one of the valued and esteemed residents of the county. His death occurred in May, 1887. Politically he was a democrat. He married Cynthia Inman, and of their six children four are still living: Charles; George, a farmer and stock buyer at Leesburg; Jennie, living at Warsaw, widow of Milo Hunter; and Nellie, who is deputy postmaster under her brother.

Mr. Charles Thomas was born in Plain Township, three miles northeast of Leesburg, September 1, 1866. His early life was spent on a

farm and his ambition for an education and a place in the world exceeded the opportunities afforded by the common schools. He graduated with the degree Bachelor of Science from the Tri-State Normal at Angola, and for six years was a teacher in the high school at Oswego. From teaching he got into business and for many years has been one of the leaders in affairs at Leesburg.

July 28, 1914, he married Miss Bertha Stanton. They have one son, Charles S., born October 26, 1917. Mr. Thomas is past chancellor of Lodge No. 192 of the Knights of Pythias and has sat in the Grand Lodge. Politically he has always been active as a democrat and for four years was trustee of Plain Township, and received his appointment to the office of postmaster to fill a vacancy on August 1, 1914.

GEORGE M. NEHER. For fity or sixty years the name Neher has been identified with the agricultural enterprise of Kosciusko County, and the old homestead in Jefferson Township which was cleared and developed by William Neher and was subsequently owned and greatly improved by George M. Neher is now occupied by the third generation of the family. George M. Neher recently retired from the farm and since March, 1917, has enjoyed the comforts of a good town home at Milford.

He was born on the old farm in Jefferson Township, Milford County, July 26, 1865, a son of William and Martha (Teeple) Neher. His father was born in Stark County, Ohio, in 1836, and is still living at the advanced age of eighty-two. He came to Indiana at the age of sixteen, lived in Marshall County for several years, and at the age of twenty-three came to Kosciusko County. Here he married and settled on a farm in Jefferson Township, and was identified with its cultivation and management until about fifty-five years old, since which time he has lived in Milford. He is a member of the Christian Church and a democrat in politics. His wife died in Milford some years ago. Of the four children, three are still living: Mary, widow of G. W. Pinkerton, of Jefferson Township; Emma, widow of James Pinkerton, formerly of Jefferson Township, her present home being in Milford; and George M.

George M. Neher grew up on the old farm, attended the district schools until about sixteen years old, and helped work the farm until he was of age.

On October 20, 1888, Mr. Neher married Rachel Estep. She was born in Virginia October 7, 1871, and was a small girl when her parents, William E. and Hannah (Beeler) Estep, came to Indiana from Virginia and settled in Prairie Township of Kosciusko County. Mrs. Neher's parents were both born in Virginia, and the father was a farmer. The family were members of the Baptist Church. He died aged sixty-eight and the mother died in her seventieth year. They were a well known, honored and highly respected family. They were the parents of fourteen children, twelve of whom grew to maturity and ten are living at this writing. Mrs. Neher is the seventh child and was but six years old when she came to Indiana. She attended the district schools of that township and of Jefferson Township.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Neher rented the old homestead, and later they bought and acquired that property, which comprises 120 acres of highly cultivated land in Jefferson Township.

On that farm their only daughter, Zona M., was born and has spent practically all her life. She is a graduate of the common schools and of the South Bend Business College, and is now the wife of Cash Arnold. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold now have the active superintendence of the farm in Jefferson Township. They have two children: Verona S., born December 25, 1910; and Elwood C., born February 12, 1914. The family are members of the Christian Church at Milford, and Mr. Neher is a democrat in politics.

JAMES T. SHEPARD, of Milford, has disproved the oft repeated assertion that an educator is not a practical business man. In fact he showed a high degree of administrative and executive ability during his superintendence of the Milford public schools, and since resigning his post in school work has been even more notably engaged in the practical affairs of business at Milford, where among other relations he is cashier of the Farmers State Bank.

Mr. Shepard was born in Pike County, Indiana, November 23, 1879, son of R. W. and Mary A. (McCleary) Shepard. His parents were both natives of Pike County, the former born in 1851 and the latter in 1853. They have spent most of their lives in that county as farmers, and now live in Southern Indiana. They had six children, five of whom are still living: William, James T., Flora, Hattie and Luther.

James T. Shepard was reared on his father's farm, and the opportunities he received in the district schools were improved further by attending high school at Spurgeon, Indiana. Later he entered the State Normal School, graduating with the class of 1908. Mr. Shepard came to Milford to take the superintendence of the local schools and filled that office seven years. When he began his work Milford was maintaining a two year high school. Under his leadership the community put up a new school building, and while he was still superintendent the high school was placed on the roll of commissioned high schools of Indiana.

On leaving school work Mr. Shepard became one of the principal organizers of the Farmers State Bank. It was organized in May, 1916, with the following officers: J. B. Neff, president; Moses F. Lentz, vice president; James T. Shepard, cashier and director; Harlan H. Sharp, Harry R. Phend; George Krull, Perry Hoover, E. W. Felkner and James F. Peterson.

Mr. Shepard is also one of the directors of the Milford Grain & Milling Company, a director in the Milford Loan & Investment Company, and a director of the Milford Commercial Club. In 1909 he married Miss Ina M. Shoeman. She is a graduate of the Columbia City High School of Columbia, and spent three years in the State Normal. They have one son, James S., born in January, 1915. The family are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Shepard is also affiliated with Milford Lodge No. 478, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as a past grand, and in politics is a democrat.

HARRY R. PHEND represents one of the oldest families of Kosciusko County, and his own life and accomplishments have been on a plane consistent with the family record. He is one of the leading business men of Milford, being manager of the Royal Telephone Company and connected with several other local industries.

His great-grandparents were John and Susanna (Kibley) Phend, both natives of Switzerland, where they were married in 1824. In 1832 they brought their family from Canton Berne to America, first locating in Carroll County, then in Greene County, Ohio, and in 1852 moving to Marshall County, Indiana, where John Phend died in December, 1859.

Jacob Phend, grandfather of Harry R., was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, June 14, 1827, and was five years of age when brought to this country. In Carroll County, Ohio, August 27, 1847, he married Louisa Fisher, daughter of Michael and Christina (Houck) Fisher, both natives of Germany. In 1849 Jacob Phend moved to Indiana, in 1851 located in Marshall County, and in 1868 came to Kosciusko County and bought 120 acres of sparsely improved land in section 11 of Scott Township. He built a fine residence and developed a farm which was well considered one of the best in the township. He was a republican and he and his wife were members of the Evangelical Church. He spent his last years at Nappanee, Indiana. He and his wife had seven children: John, born August 1, 1848; Christian D., born May 12, 1851; Samuel, born July 6, 1854; William, born September 6, 1856, and died in 1857; Jacob J., born August 22, 1859; Sophia L., born November 9, 1862; and Henry A., born November 7, 1865.

Christian D. Phend, who was born on the old farm in Scott Township, grew up there, had a district school education, and was actively identified with farming in the township until 1898, when he removed to Nappanee, Indiana, where he is still living. He is an active member of the United Brethren Church. Christian D. Phend married Mary McConnell, and they became the parents of nine children, seven of whom are still living: Clarence D., a Presbyterian minister; M. Ora, a farmer in the State of Washington; Harry R.; Waldo, a farmer in Iowa; Hattie, wife of John Rhodes, a farmer in Marshall County, Indiana; Iva, wife of Frank Wehrley, of Nappanee, Indiana; Belle, wife of A. L. Miller, a farmer in Iowa.

Mr. Harry R. Phend was born in Scott Township of Kosciusko County September 25, 1885. He had a farm training and was educated in the local district schools and the high school at Nappanee. He was not yet of age when his work and energies were directed into the telephone business, and he is a past master and expert in every phase of telephone construction and operation. He began as a lineman at Nappanee, and for several years did line work, finally being promoted to wire chief. He came to Milford on April 14, 1910, to superintend the Royal Telephone Company. This is a corporation, the executive officers of which are: Jacob B. Neff, president; Egbert Gawthrop, secretary; E. W. Higbee, treasurer; Harry R. Phend, manager, and besides these the directors are John Defreese, George Krull, Milo Geyer and William H. Neff.

Mr. Phend is also local manager for Hawk's Electric Company of Goshen and is proprietor of the Milford Electric Company. He is a director of the Farmers State Bank of Milford, is vice president and one of the directors of the Milford Grain and Milling Company, and is generally looked upon as one of the most capable young business men of this locality.

Mr. Phend married Mary E. Parker. She was born in Marshall County, Indiana, is a graduate of the Bourbon High School and holds the collegiate degree Bachelor of Science. For eight years she was a successful teacher. They have two children: Mary A., born May 3, 1915, and Parker H., born in April, 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Phend are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he is trustee and secretary of the official board. He is a past master of the Masonic Lodge at Nappanee, member of Syracuse Chapter Royal Arch Masons, and the Knight Templar Commandery at Warsaw.

JEHU BEER is proprietor of one of the profitable and interesting industries of Milford, being a manufacturer of circus supplies. He is a man who has made his own opportunities in the world and has promoted himself by his determination and efforts to a commendable place in his home community.

Mr. Beer was born in Richland County, Ohio, November 25, 1871, son of Hans and Ursula (Lantz) Beer. The parents were both born in Switzerland, his father January 1, 1835, and his mother on the same date. They grew up and married in their native country and in 1867 brought their family to America, first locating in Richland County, Ohio. Hans Beer was a cooper by trade. In 1873 he removed to West Virginia, living there until 1897, when he came to Kosciusko County and had his home in Milford until his death in 1917. He and his wife were members of the New Apostolic Christian Church. They had a family of five sons and five daughters, eight of whom are still living: Elizabeth, wife of John Fuhrer; Mary, wife of Godfrey Witchey; Jonathan, of Milford; David, of Mansfield, Ohio; John; Christian, a farmer in Jackson Township of Elkhart County; Emma, still at home; Elsworth, a farmer in Jackson Township of Elkhart County; and Jehu.

Mr. Jehu Beer received most of his schooling in Ohio and it was largely through his own efforts that he acquired a good practical education. He learned by experience and study the profession of stationary engineer, and holds a state license in Ohio. After a number of years of varied experience elsewhere he came to Milford and in the spring of 1910 established a manufacturing plant for the making of circus supplies. This business he has brought to successful proportions. Mr. Beer is a republican and a member of the New Apostolic Christian Church.

JEROME H. LONES. It is truly the individual and exceptional case when a man can point to nearly a third of a century of continuous service for one organization or in one position. That is one of the distinctions of Mr. Lones' citizenship in Warsaw, where ever since August

30, 1883, he has been local agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. To a great many people in Warsaw Mr. Lones is the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, having served as its representative so long that to think of the Pennsylvania Company is also to think of its genial and energetic agent. Furthermore, Mr. Lones has been very closely and actively identified with the material progress and development of the city, and is one of the most highly esteemed as he is one of the best known men of Warsaw.

The lesson of his career should not be lost as an example to young men who have to take up the responsibilities of life with little training and with no influence to advance them. He was born on a farm in Crawford County, Ohio, August 20, 1853, the eldest of three children of Harrison and Celia (Benson) Lones. When he was eighteen months old his parents moved out to Iowa by way of Cincinnati and the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, but owing to the continued ill health of his mother they remained only a short time and returned to Ohio, taking up residence in Wyandotte County. There the father died in 1859, and for a number of years thereafter the members of the little household suffered many hardships and privations. In the meantime Jerome H. Lones managed to attend the local public schools and gained the rudiments of an education. At the age of sixteen he left home, and spent several months as a corn husker near Watseka, Illinois, but in the ensuing spring returned home and looked after the operation of the old homestead during the next season. However, he could not content himself with the narrow horizon of an Ohio farm, and it was through a better education that he could see the vista of greater opportunities opening before him. By economy and hard work he managed to pay his way for three years in the Northern Ohio College at Ada, where he showed special proficiency and gained honors in mathematics. While in college his mother died, and not long afterwards he had to determine his future location. There were two forces that appealed to him, either to gain a place as a bank cashier with its consequent possibilities, or to engage in railroad service. Before he could make a beginning in either career, he needed business training, and consequently taught school and with the earnings of that work and with some money which he borrowed paid his way through the long course at the Iron City Business College. Then there was another season at home, when he dug ditches and husked corn, and finally he was able to attempt the realization of his dreams. He went to Fort Wayne, made application for employment with the Pennsylvania Company, but he was promptly refused owing to his lack of knowledge of telegraphy. Undoubtedly one of the qualities which have enabled him to succeed was a persistency in the face of discouragement. Turned back at one point, he applied for another line of work, and finally went on the road as a freight brakeman. After thirteen months he was given employment in the freight office as a clerk, and was promoted to assistant cashier. Then, having demonstrated his capabilities and his reliability, he came to Warsaw in 1883 as station agent. This position he has held ever since with credit to himself and satisfaction to his company, and while nominally his duties have been the same,

the responsibilities have grown with the growth and development of the city and its importance as a traffic center.

Unlike many men in the railroad service who are content to isolate themselves from the community which they serve and become merely a cog in the routine of the corporation which employs them, Mr. Lones has from the first identified himself with local citizenship. For years he has contributed from his means and his experience to the aid of all worthy enterprises undertaken in Warsaw. He was one of the organizers of the modern Commercial Club. He also helped in the organization and is one of the principal stockholders and vice president of the Indiana Loan and Trust Company. In politics he has always been identified with the republican party. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Knight Templar, and also a member of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. For his helpmate through life he was fortunate in the selection of Miss Jennie Logan, of Fort Wayne, whom he married in 1878.

David Barr. Thirty-five years of continuous residence on one farm in Washington Township gives Mr. David Barr the characteristics of a man of settled purpose and permanent possessions and activities, and he is in fact one of the men upon whom some of the larger responsibilities of agricultural production in this part of Kosciusko County have devolved.

He was born at Warsaw January 23, 1871, son of Isaac N. and Hester D. (Baker) Barr. Both parents were natives of Ohio but were brought to Kosciusko County in youth and after their marriage settled in the City of Warsaw. Isaac Barr was a successful teacher and taught in the public schools of Warsaw until his death. He died when his son David was eighteen months old. The mother, an active member of the Christian Church, died in 1880. They had four children: Ollie, formerly a teacher and now wife of William Botkins; Dora, a graduate of the Tri-State Normal School at Angola and now for a number of years a teacher of fourth grade in Warsaw; Melvin, of Warsaw; and David.

Mr. David Barr was reared partly in Warsaw and partly on a farm and received his education in the country and city public schools. After reaching manhood he engaged in farming, and thirty-five years ago came to his present place in Washington Township. Mr. Barr has combined crop raising with good livestock and for a number of years specialized in the famous O. I. C. hogs. He is active in agricultural affairs and is treasurer of the Oak Grove Grange in Washington Township. He is a democrat and is affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose and the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Warsaw.

Rudolph Huffer, Sr. When Rudolph Huffer died at his home in Harrison Township September 29, 1911, there could be only affection and esteem for the memory of a man who had lived so long and so usefully in Kosciusko County. He was one of the early settlers and his life was a link between the earliest pioneers and the present generation. While there were few abnormal and conspicuous events in his life, he

deserves the full complement of praise for the manner in which he went about performing his duties and obligations and his quiet courage and persistency in the face of many obstacles which he overcame in his youth. This is a family that has properly won a place among the leading households in Kosciusko County. Nearly all the children of the late Rudolph Huffer now have substantial homes and places of honor in their respective communities in Kosciusko County, and one of the widely known citizens in the county now is a son, Jacob D. Huffer, the present sheriff.

The late Rudolph Huffer, Sr., was a native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. His father, Daniel Hoffer, as the family name was then spelled, was born in Germany and came to America when a small boy, became a farmer, and finally moved to Fairfield County, Ohio, where he died. Rudolph Huffer, who was born February 6, 1832, was a very small boy when he went with his parents to Ohio and when he was about nine years of age his father died. In consequence from that time forward his life was one of no little hardship and adversity. He gained a home and food by employment as a chore boy, but his educational opportunities were exceedingly limited. He had the inheritance of a sturdy nature, developed good habits, and throughout his life was a man of the most honorable principles and character. In that period of his life when most boys are in school he was industriously learning the blacksmith's trade, and in 1849, at the age of seventeen, came with a married sister, Mrs. Mary East, to Kosciusko County. Kosciusko County was then only a little way removed from the wilderness conditions which the first pioneers had found here. The first winter he spent in working at his trade in Clunett, and he then removed to Warsaw. For a number of years he followed his trade in that city, and it is said that he built the first cast spindle wagon ever manufactured in this county.

In a few years he was esteemed for his excellent craftsmanship and his reliability, and was in a position where he was justified in establishing a home of his own. Then, in 1855, he married Miss Sarah Stamets (sometimes spelled Stamate). He continued working at his trade in Warsaw for several years, but finally sold his shop and closed out other local interests and invested in a farm in Prairie Township, two and one half miles northwest of Warsaw. That was his home for nine years. He next bought and moved to a farm in Monroe Township, and still later to Harrison Township, in which community he spent the remainder of his days.

The late Mr. Huffer should be remembered as a man gifted with an unusual degree of good, sound, practical sense, and for this reason if for no other he was naturally a leader in any community in which he made his home. In politics he adopted for himself the principles and policies of the republican party at the time of its organization, and exemplified the best qualities of good citizenship. His most important official service was as trustee of Harrison Township. He was industrious, thorough in everything he did, and this quality, combined with good management, enabled him to accumulate a sufficient competency.

While a member of no religious denomination, he believed in Chris-

tianity and for a number of years his services were much esteemed in the position of trustee of the Christian Church.

He and his wife became the parents of eleven children, all of whom they reared to maturity, and they thus founded a sturdy generation whose descendants will look back and honor these Kosciusko County pioneers for years to come. All the children married and had families, and nine of them are still living. A brief record of the family is as follows: Jacob D.; Horton C., who is now serving as deputy sheriff at Warsaw and married Jennie Haines; Sarah C., wife of Charles Vandermark, a farmer of Harrison Township; Gertrude, wife of James Fawley, a Harrison Township farmer; Sherman, a farmer in Monroe Township, who married a Miss Smith, now deceased; Charles D., who is a farmer in Franklin Township and married Effie Blue; Lawrence, who died in September, 1907, married Ida Tucker; Joseph E., a farmer in Harrison Township, married Lillie Boggs; Mary J., now Mrs. Tilden Milburn, of Harrison Township; Edmund R., of Harrison Township, married Nora Stickler; and Pearl C., Mrs. Rowland Anglin of Wayne Township. To the mother of this family enough praise cannot be given. She bore her part with uncomplaining cheerfulness in the time of adversity, helped to provide a living for her rapidly increasing household, and in the early days wove cloth and made clothing for the entire family. Her house was invariably neat and clean, and she was one of the model old fashioned housewives of whom so much has been written in history and fiction. At one time her parents came to live in the Huffer home, and though their presence increased the burdens upon her own shoulders, she bore that as everything else with a sense of devotion to duty which could be regarded with nothing short of admiration. She was an active member of the Christian Church, and in that faith she died July 27, 1915.

The oldest son and representative of the family of the late Rudolph Huffer is Jacob D. Huffer, the present sheriff of Kosciusko County. He was born June 1, 1856, in Warsaw, but his early experience and associations were centered around the old homestead in Harrison Township. He attended the common schools there, and the public schools in Warsaw, and afterward for nineteen consecutive years he taught two terms of school each year. After that he was long associated with his brother Horton C. in the livery business at Warsaw. He has well merited the confidence and trust of the people of Kosciusko County who in 1914 elected him sheriff, and to that office he is now giving all his time and attention.

In politics Mr. Huffer is a republican, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias. On May 5, 1895, he married Miss Maggie A. Sellers. They both have membership in the Christian Church.

Lucius C. Wann. While there is hardly anyone in the city of Warsaw not acquainted with the genial postmaster, it is worth while to record briefly some of the main features of his career, which for many years has been identified with Kosciusko Coutny. He is, in fact, a native son, and it was fully sixty years ago that the name first became identified with this section of Indiana, then comparatively a

wilderness, though the pioneers had been making some advance since the period of first settlement.

It was in Franklin Township of Kosciusko County that Lucius C. Wann was born February 3, 1861. His father, Amos Wann, was born in Pennsylvania, of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, was reared there, but in 1856 came to Indiana. He was a man of considerable mechanical enterprise, and started a steam sawmill in Franklin Township which served to work up some of the splendid forest material in that vicinity and furnished lumber for the construction of many of the early homes and other buildings. Subsequently he moved to Marshall County, and was engaged in merchandising at Tippecanoetown. There he passed away in 1876. Amos E. Wann married Sophia Shuman. She subsequently married for her second husband Simeon Blue, and she died at Warsaw in 1912.

While he was born in Kosciusko County, Lucius C. Wann spent most of his early youth up to manhood in Marshall County. He attended the primary schools of Tippecanoetown, and for two years was a student in the old Methodist Episcopal College at Fort Wayne. Before gaining the altitude of man's estate Mr. Wann engaged in merchandising in Tippecanoetown, and continued there until 1881, after which he moved his enterprise to Claypool. Selling out his interests there, Mr. Wann in 1886 came to Warsaw, and that city has now been his home for over thirty years. His first work was traveling on the road and handling teas and coffees, but a few years later he became a merchant in chinaware, and continuously for eighteen years he was in that line of business. On May 4, 1914, Mr. Wann received appointment as postmaster at Warsaw, and since then has given a very close attention to the details of that office and has already instituted some changes and improvements to increase the efficiency of the local postal service. He was reappointed postmaster on the 4th of September, 1918.

In many ways his influence has helped to make the modern Warsaw. He was one of the organizers and since organization has been a director of the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce. He has served as chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee, and in Masonry is affiliated with the Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, Knight Templar Commandery and the Eastern Star, and has served as worshipful master of the lodge, and as eminent commander of Warsaw Commandery No. 10.

On May 1, 1884, he married Miss Retta M. Burket, daughter of Dr. Benjamin Burket of Warsaw. The three sons of their marriage are: Louis, Harry V. and Frank B. Mr. Wann and family are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a trustee, and is also a member and secretary of the Building Committee which at this writing has in charge the erection of the new Methodist Church at Warsaw.

Benjamin Burket, M. D. In recalling the older physicians of Kosciusko County some particular attention should be paid to the memory of the late Dr. Benjamin Burket, who devoted many years to

the unselfish service of his profession in this county, and who died at Warsaw in advanced years.

He was born in Wayne County, Indiana, in 1829, a son of Nathaniel Burket, who married a Miss Kessler. His parents were members of the Dunkard Church, and were substantial farming people. In their home near Hagertown Doctor Burket was reared and educated, and he did not take up a professional career until he had passed the age of thirty-five. In the meantime he had been identified with farming, and also became a skillful carpenter.

About 1858 Doctor Burket moved to Kosciusko County and was first known in this county as an industrious carpenter. About 1865 he began reading medicine at home, and subsequenty gave it a more systematic attention under the direction of Dr. Calvin W. Burket, a nephew, who was then engaged in practice at Warsaw. During the winter of 1866-67 he took his first course of lectures in the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and subsequently attended the Indiana Medical College of Indianapolis, where he was regularly graduated. Doctor Burket for many years practiced his profession in different towns, including Knox, Bourbon, Leesburg and Warsaw, and it was in Warsaw that he spent his last days.

He was an esteemed member of the Kosciusko County Medical Society, was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his church was the Methodist. He married Catherine Holman. There were two children by that union: Retta is now the wife of Mr. L. C. Wann of Warsaw. Charles Edwin, the only son, is now a practicing dentist at Spokane, Washington.

Jacob C. McLaughlin. It would not be possible to name a better known citizen at Milford than Jacob C. McLaughlin, a veteran business man, lawyer and former public official, whose citizenship and relations with that community run back practically seventy years and actively for more than half a century.

Mr. McLaughlin was born in Pennsylvania November 21, 1843, a son of Martin H. and Priscilla (Edmunson) McLaughlin. His grandfather fought as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Martin H. McLaughlin was reared and educated in Pennsylvania and had a liberal training and at one time was a teacher. He married in his native state, and on March 29, 1848, he and his family arrived in Kosciusko County. They established their home on the north bank of Turkey Creek, near Milford, and in a short time Martin McLaughlin was busily identified with local and pioneer affairs. He was a school teacher, also helped survey some of the first ditches in the county, and was a man of influence in the whig and republican parties. He died February 18, 1869, and his wife on May 25, 1860. They had eleven children, five of whom are still living: Emma, wife of George Stuckman, and she is now eighty-three years of age; Mary is the wife of Jerre Stephenson, a former sheriff of Kosciusko County; Jacob C.; George W., of Elkhart County; and Catherine, wife of Tom Boulton, of Warsaw, Indiana.

Jacob C. McLaughlin was a child a little past four years of age

when his parents came to Kosciusko County. He grew up near Milford, and attended school in an old frame building. His vacations were spent on the home farm and his early experiences gave him a good substantial training for the long career he has had. On December 26, 1864, when a little past twenty years of age, he enlisted in Company I of the Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry, and saw some of the concluding service of the great rebellion. He was mustered out June 26, 1865.

The war over, he returned to Kosciusko County and for a year owned a half interest in a harness shop at Milford. He then bought a half interest in a boot and shoe store and gave his attention to that business for fifteen months. Later he took up fire insurance, and is one of the oldest insurance agents in Kosciusko County, still handling the business for one or two companies at Milford. He has always been interested in politics, and served eight years as justice of the peace, and as alternate delegate to republican national convention in 1912. By private study and practical experience Mr. McLaughlin qualified himself for the legal profession, and was admitted to the bar of both Elkhart and Kosciusko counties. He has practiced law for many years at Milford, and still handles his practice and is busied with many private investments. He owns the McLaughlin Block, which was erected in 1902, and has two other business rooms at Milford.

November 2, 1871, he married Sara A. Potter. By a previous marriage she is the mother of Dr. J. E. Potter, of Milford, who was reared and educated in the home of Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin. They have one daughter, Maude L., a graduate of the Milford High School and of the Chicago Musical College. She also attended Northwestern University two summers. She is well known in Milford as teacher of music and English in the high school. Mrs. McLaughlin and her daughter are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Fraternally he is a past noble grand of Milford Lodge No. 478, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has sat in the Grand Lodge, and is now adjutant and past commander of the Grand Army Post. In politics he is a republican.

Homer Longfellow. The present generation of Kosciusko County citizens needs no introduction to Homer Longfellow, who at the time this publication is being prepared is worthily and competently filling the position of prosecuting attorney. His large circle of friends speak admiringly of his qualifications as a lawyer, his trustworthiness in all responsibilities, and the vigorous manner in which he has handled the affairs of his office.

A native of Indiana, he was born in Noble County March 3, 1873, a son of David S. and Sarah E. Longfellow. His father was a farmer and settled in Noble County in 1853, spending most of his life there and passing away in 1904.

It was on the old farm in Noble County that Homer Longfellow spent his youth, with an environment such as many successful professional men have had and from which he derived strength of body and vigor of mind. Up to the age of seventeen he attended district schools.

He worked hard to gain an education, and first pursued his higher studies in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, where he remained one year, then was out of school a year and taught, following which he returned to the Ohio Wesleyan and was graduated A. B. in the class of 1898. The next four or five years were spent in educational work. He was superintendent of the Bethel Township schools in Clark County, Ohio, and principal of the township high school until he resigned to take up the study of law

Admitted to the bar in Kosciusko County in 1905, Mr. Longfellow began practice at South Bend, but was there only a short time before he located in Pierceton. Pierceton was his home from January 1, 1906, to January 1, 1915, and at the latter date he came to Warsaw to fill the office of prosecuting attorney, to which he had been elected in 1914.

Mr. Longfellow is a republican, and is affiliated with the Masonic Order, the Knights of Pythias, and is a member of the Methodist Church.

WILLIAM W. KIRKPATRICK represents a family that has been identified with Kosciusko County more than eighty years. He is one of the prosperous farmers of Washington Township and his rural home, marking the best improvements and developments and productiveness, is situated two and one half miles north of Pierceton.

His great-grandfather, John Kirkpatrick, was born in the highlands of Scotland and came to the American colonies in 1775 at the beginning of the Revolutionary war. He first settled in Pennsylvania, afterwards moved to near Lexington, Kentucky, and in 1804 bought land adjacent to what is now the City of Springfield, Ohio, where he died.

The grandfather of Mr. Kirkpatrick was John Kirkpatrick who was born in Kentucky March 6, 1795. He moved with his parents to Greene County, Ohio, afterwards went with them to Clark County, and on November 15, 1817, he married Jane Cowan. She was born in Kentucky September 26, 1798, and was reared in Clark County, Ohio. Her father, William Cowan, was born in Pennsylvania in 1768 and died in Kosciusko County, Indiana. John Kirkpatrick died in Clark County, Ohio, August 17, 1826, leaving his widow and six children.

One of these children was the late William Kirkpatrick, who was born in Clark County, Ohio, July 19, 1822. He came to Kosciusko County on September 20, 1836, and lived with his mother and four sisters in section 25 of Plain Township. His mother had entered 160 acres of land there in 1836, and this is one of the early records of land entry in that section of the county. William Kirkpatrick was only fourteen years old when he came to this county, and due to circumstances of the fact that very few schools were maintained his early education was limited. He worked the land under the direction of his mother until sixteen, after which he managed the place for himself.

February 18, 1847, William Kirkpatrick married Miss Ann Pierce, who was born in Clark County, Ohio, March 6, 1824, but at the time of her marriage was living in Madison County, Ohio. Her parents

were Moses R. and Mary (Cowan) Pierce, while her grandparents were Gilbert and Sarah (Quimby) Pierce. Gilbert Pierce was a native of Massachusetts and died at Springfield, Ohio, in 1845. His wife was born February 23, 1769, and died in Ohio in 1839. Thus these family records go back into American citizenship to the time of the Revolution and even earlier.

After their marriage William Kirkpatrick and wife went to housekeeping on a rented farm, but the next year bought 100 acres in sections 24 and 19, Plain Township. William Kirkpatrick built in section 19 a substantial hewed log house a story and a half high, which made a very comfortable home. They lived in that house until 1883, nearly thirty-five years. They then moved to Washington Township, owning a farm in section 10, and lived here until his death on March 26, 1898. His wife passed away February 27, 1892. They were among the very elect of the substantial farming population of Kosciusko County and their names and records deserve a prominent place in this history. They were members of the Presbyterian Church and William Kirkpatrick served as an elder of the church and was a democrat in politics. They became the parents of nine children, four of whom are still living: Sarah J., who was born September 5, 1852, and lives at Warsaw, widow of John T. Gilliam; Margaret E., who was born July 21, 1857, and is unmarried and lives with her brother William W.; M. Pierce, who was born October 30, 1860, and married Hortense Crawford, of Pierceton; and William W. The deceased children are: John W, born June 8, 1848, died April 4 1849; Mary E., born February 16, 1850, died December 12, 1861; Eliza A., born January 12, 1855; was married, September 24, 1879, to Samuel B. Long, and she died January 10, 1914; Eunice A., born July 25, 1865, died May 7, 1884; and Alvin W., born December 25, 1867, died August 18, 1872.

William W. Kirkpatrick was born in Tippecanoe Township of this county February 5, 1863, and lived among the old home surroundings in that locality until he was twenty years old. In 1883 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Washington Township, and here he made his first essay as a practical and independent farmer. On November 18, 1896, Mr. Kirkpatrick married Nettie Goshert, who was born in Prairie Township of this county September 9, 1874. Her parents were Jasper and Electa (Hall) Goshert. Her father was born in Prairie Township September 9, 1845, just twenty-nine years to the day before the birth of his daughter. The mother was born in Prairie Township December 18, 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Goshert married September 11, 1873, and were the parents of three daughters: Mrs. Kirkpatrick; Pearl, who married Eugene Harley and is now deceased; and Edith, wife of Professor Edwin Germann, of Fort Wayne. The children of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Kirkpatrick are: Edith Hope, born May 17, 1899, and William Merrill, born November 27, 1900. Both graduated from Pierceton High School and Edith Hope is teaching. Merrill is at home on the farm.

EDMOND C. DOKE. There is no citizen of Washington Township who more thoroughly enjoys the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens than Edmond C. Doke. He is a native of Kosciusko County and now occupies one of the best homesteads in the township. His individual prosperity has not been accomplished without benefit to the community in which he has lived, and his enterprise has been one of the stimulating factors of the county's general prosperity.

Mr. Doke was born on the farm where he is now living March 1, 1845. This farm is three and one-half miles northeast of Pierceton. It is one of the centers of early settlement in the county. Mr. Doke is a son of John S. and Harriet M. (Turner) Doke, while his grandfather, Alexander Doke, was a pioneer blacksmith at Urbana, Ohio, and commanded a company of volunteers as captain in the War of 1812. John S. Doke was born in Champaign County, Ohio, June 30, 1809, while his wife was born in Logan County, that state, August 12, 1809. They grew up and married in Logan County and on October 11, 1837, arrived in Kosciusko County, which was then to a large extent just as nature had left it. John S. Doke made choice of the extensive government lands open to settlement by selecting a quarter section in section 13 of Washington Township. His individual labors brought about remarkable transformation in the course of years, though at the beginning he lived in the woods and had a cabin home on a space which he cleared with the axe. He was a prosperous and highly esteemed citizen of this locality for many years, but finally moved to Iowa and died in that state. His wife died in Kosciusko County. Of their nine children seven grew to maturity and four are still living: Thompson Doke, of Bloomfield, Iowa; Elizabeth, widow of A. D. Stinson, of Spokane, Washington; Hattie, widow of George Messick, of Kansas; and Edmond C.

Edmond C. Doke has spent nearly all the days of his life in Washington Township. For his education he attended one of the old log cabin schools such as were typical of the institutions of learning in the early days. While a schoolboy he found employment on the home farm, and finally left home to enlist in Company D of the One Hundred and Fifty-Second Indiana Infantry. Though he was extremely young he did his part as a fighting soldier in that great struggle and was still under age when he returned home. Since the war for a period of more than half a century he has been active on the old farm, and is now owner of 290 acres of land. He has been a prominent figure in the live stock industry of the county and has fed and bred many cattle and has also been a breeder of Shetland ponies.

Mr. Doke married for his first wife Miss Mary A. Scott, who died leaving no children. By his second marriage, to Mattie Wright, he has one daughter, Mary W., who is a graduate of the common schools and the Pierceton High School. Mr. Doke is a member of the Presbyterian Church and fraternally is affiliated with Pierceton Lodge No. 377, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Chapter No 88, Warsaw Council, Royal and Select Masons, and the Knight Templar Commandery No. 10 at Warsaw. In politics he is a democrat and has

always sustained his part as a public-spirited citizen of the community.

GEORGE E. SWONGER learned his business as a farmer and stockman when a boy in Marshall County and having added to knowledge and experience the qualities of industry and prudence has been getting steadily ahead in the world since he began his independent career. For a number of years he has lived in Kosciusko County and now has one of the well managed farms of Wayne Township, located on the Fort Wayne Road six miles southeast of Warsaw on rural route No. 6.

Mr. Swonger was born in Marshall County, Indiana, July 20, 1871, son of James A. and Elizabeth (Shreck) Swonger. His father was born in Cumberland County and his mother in Dolphin County, Pennsylvania. Both went when young to Crawford County, Ohio, locating between Bucyrus and Galion. Elizabeth Shreck's father owned a tavern in that locality and she grew up there and married. In the spring of 1871 the Swonger family moved to Marshall County, Indiana, where the parents spent the rest of their years. They were members of the Evangelical Church. James A. Swonger was twice married and had two children by each wife. George E. is the youngest of these children. He has one half-brother still living.

Mr. Swonger was born near Bourbon, Indiana, and had a district school education. To the age of twenty-one he was at home and after that he farmed the old homestead until he was thirty-four. The place was then sold and the proceeds divided between him and his half brother. Mr. Swonger then came to Kosciusko County and bought the eighty-acre farm in Wayne County which he now occupies and manages.

October 28, 1900, he married Miss Cora Cress. Mrs. Swonger was born and reared in Washington Township of this county. Four children have been born to their marriage: Willard, Margaret, Leah and Floyd. They are members of the United Brethren Church and in politics Mr. Swonger is a republican.

ANDREW PETERSON. Members of the Peterson family have been closely identified with Kosciusko County for more than half a century. One of the principal business men at Warsaw is now David A. Peterson, proprietor of the Peterson Lumber Company. He is a son of the late Andrew Peterson, who died in Warsaw in 1870. It was he who founded the family in Kosciusko County, and something of his career should be given a permanent record where it may be read by following generations.

A native of Southeastern Ohio, Andrew Peterson was reared in that state, and became a farmer and sawmill operator. For a time he lived in Iowa but about 1859 he moved into Kosciusko County, and for four years lived near Silver Lake in this county. In 1864 he moved his residence to Warsaw and was first in the contracting and later in the grocery business. He was one of Warsaw's leading merchants at the time of his death.

The first year after he located in Warsaw he was elected a justice of the peace and continued to administer that office throughout the remainder of his life. In politics he was a republican of the stalwart kind, and was active and devout as a Baptist, serving as deacon in the church before coming to Kosciusko County. He is remembered as a man of medium height, but was rather large and weighed over 200 pounds. Courteous in demeanor and strictly just and upright in his intercourse with his fellow men, he at once made friends and retained them, and was universally respected for his many sterling qualities of mind and heart. In his home he was kind, and instead of commanding obedience through fear he governed entirely by love. Few fathers were ever better loved or respected. He selected for his life's companion Martha Linn. They became the parents of seven children, five of them still living. Two sons, Sylvanus and John A., both served their country during the Civil war, and the former gave up his life for his country.

David A. Peterson, one of the younger children of the late Andrew Peterson and wife, was born at Waterloo, Iowa, where his parents were living temporarily, on August 29, 1858. He was only six months of age when the family moved to Kosciusko County, and since then his home has never been outside the county limits. The local public schools supplied his early education, and during much of his boyhood he assisted in conducting a grocery business at Warsaw. In March, 1889, he was appointed to the United States railway mail service, and for the first six months traveled from Michigan City to Indianapolis. After that his run was between Pittsburg and Chicago over the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway.

Resigning from the mail service in March, 1897, Mr. Peterson in conjunction with Silas Meyers, his partner, engaged in the retail lumber business at Warsaw In April, 1902, he became sole owner, and has since conducted this large and completely stocked yard as the Peterson Lumber Company, and is its sole owner. Politically Mr. Peterson is a republican, and he is a popular member of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

John F. Boyer is one of the substantial agriculturists of Kosciusko County who have made their way against obstacles and difficulties, and with practically nothing but the work of his bare hands to begin with has effected a good home, gained prosperity and achieved a commendable position in the community. The Boyer home is a mile and three quarters east of Pierceton on rural route No. 1 in Washington Township.

Mr. Boyer represents some of the old families of Kosciusko County. He was born in Jackson Township near Sidney, February 27, 1875, son of Jacob and Leah (Hoppis) Boyer. His father was born in Seneca County, Ohio, and when a boy came with his father to Kosciusko County, the family first locating in Clay Township and afterwards in Jackson Township. Leah Hoppis was born in Kosciusko County, daughter of Christopher Hoppis. Both parents grew to maturity in

that section of Kosciusko County and after their marriage settled on the farm where they are still living. All their nine children are living, namely: Loretta, wife of William Deemer; John F.; Charles, who married Josie Snyder; Ellen, wife of Albert Beber; William, who married Myrtle Metzger; Pearl, wife of Scott Keeper, of Warsaw; Merle and Myrtle M., twins, the former unmarried and the latter the wife of Lloyd Hunter; and Herschel, who married Lena Hoover.

John F. Boyer grew up on the old Jackson Township farm, and had his education in the district schools. At the age of twenty-one he left home and began working as a farm hand by the month. On December 25, 1898, he married Miss Minerva Krider, who was born in Lake Township of this county July 31, 1878, daughter of Monroe Krider. Mrs. Boyer was reared and educated in Lake Township.

After their marriage they lived in Lake Township and Mr. Boyer continued working by the month for some time. He acquired the first land of his own when he bought eleven acres, but after living on this tract for a year or so sold it and moved to the George A. Lepper farm in Washington Township. He rented there three years and then bought the place he now lives on, consisting of 61½ acres, a farm that he has brought to an enviable state of improvement and production.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyer have had three children, but one died in infancy. The son Arthur is now a student in the common schools, and Alene is two years old. They are members of the Brethren Church at Sidney and Mr. Boyer is affiliated with the Moose Lodge at Warsaw and is a democrat in politics.

THOMAS A. HOOVER. One of the oldest and most prominent families of Kosciusko County, in the State of Indiana, is represented by Mr. Thomas A. Hoover, a well known retired farmer who still lives in his country home half a mile east of Pierceton. He is a son of Alfred Hoover, grandson of Henry Hoover, and great-grandson of Andrew Hoover.

The Hoover family was brought to America in the person of three brothers from Germany, all of whom first settled on Pipe Creek in Maryland. Subsequently two of them moved into Pennsylvania, while the other branch of the family went to Randolph County, North Carolina, and became identified with a Quaker settlement there. Andrew Hoover in 1807 brought his family west from North Carolina, first locating at Dayton, Ohio, and soon afterward moving to Wayne County, Indiana, where they fere among the first pioneers of that wilderness section. Andrew Hoover had several sons, including Henry and David Hoover. David Hoover with other members of the family acquired a large tract of land and he was responsible for laying out the town which is now the city of Richmond. He gave the name to that town.

Henry Hoover, grandfather of Thomas A., was born in North Carolina September 22, 1788, and was about nineteen years old when his parents came out to Indiana. Though he had a limited education, he fitted himself by reading and study for some of the higher responsibilities of public as well as private life. In 1825 he was elected a member of the first Legislature that convened at Indianapolis. In 1832

General Lewis Cass, secretary of war, appointed him secretary of the commission to hold two Indian Treaties. Henry Hoover married in Wayne County Susanah Clark. After his marriage he settled at Whitewater in Wayne County and in 1830 bought a farm in the vicinity of Washington in that county, where his wife died August 9, 1853. In December, 1854, he married Mrs. Lydia C. Vaughan, and in 1855 he moved to Richmond and lived in that city until his death, July 23, 1868, in his eightieth year. He was reared a Friend, but rather late in life joined the Methodist Church. He could not become accustomed to the forms and ceremonies of that church, which were much at variance with the simple worship of his boyhood, and strenuously opposed the introduction of organs and choirs. Thus during the last years of his life he was again a member of the Society of Friends at Richmond. The children of this honored pioneer were: Alfred; Mary, who became the wife of David Culbertson, of Iowa; Ann, who married Thomas Harvey; Martha, who married Daniel Culbertson; Allen, who moved out of Iowa; Daniel, who became a resident of Kosciusko County; and Henry, who was also an Iowa resident. It is a matter of widespread interest at the present time that of these children Allen Hoover was the grandfather of the present Herbert Hoover, food commissioner of the United States.

Alfred Hoover, father of Thomas A., was born near Richmond, Indiana, March 8, 1811, grew up on a farm and was with his parents until the age of twenty-seven. On February 9, 1837, he married Miss Mary Allred, a native of Ohio, though married in Wayne County, Indiana, where her parents were pioneers. She was the daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Allred) Allred, who came from North Carolina to Ohio about 1808, and her father subsequently served in the War of 1812. After his marriage Alfred Hoover lived on a farm in Wayne County until 1853, when he sold his possessions and moved to Kosciusko County and settled on land in Washington Township. A number of years before, in 1837, he had acquired it direct from the Government. He owned 320 acres. At the beginning this land was covered with poplar and walnut timber, but gradually it was cleared away, and cultivated fields took its place. Alfred Hoover served several times as trustee of Washington Township, and was always loyal to the church in which he had been reared. His wife was a Methodist. He was one of the quiet and substantial citizens of Kosciusko County until his death. He became a man of wide information through his studious attention to books, and was a man above the ordinary in character and general information. He and his wife had ten children, seven of whom are still living: Franklin of Kosciusko County; Thomas A.; John, who served as a soldier in the Civil war and is a resident of Cambridge City, Indiana; Henry, of Kosciusko County; Mary, widow of Rev. M. H. Smith; Gertrude, wife of Joseph Snyder, of LaGrange, Indiana; Lillie, wife of Mart M. Bradwick.

Thomas A. Hoover was born in Wayne County, near Richmond, October 15, 1841, and was twelve years old when the family moved to Kosciusko County. He attended the public schools of Washington Township and after reaching manhood he enlisted, in 1864, in Com-

pany E of the One Hundred Thirty-eighth Indiana Infantry. He saw some active service during the six months he was in the army and was granted an honorable discharge. Following the war he took up farming, and that was his steady vocation until he retired.

In 1878 Mr. Hoover married Elizabeth Heagy, who was born in Wayne County, Indiana, December 11, 1850, daughter of John and Sarah Heagy. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hoover located on the farm where they have lived now continuously for forty years and where their labors and mutual sacrifices have brought them ample prosperity.

Two children were born to them, Edna and Florence E. The latter died at the age of sixteen. Edna was born in 1879, graduated from the common schools and studied in high school and is now the wife of Alvin B. Rusher. Mr. and Mrs. Rusher had one child, Robert H., who died when seven months old.

The family are active members of the Methodist Epicopal Church at Pierceton. Mr. Hoover has been one of its most liberal supporters for a number of years. His daughter Edna is secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society. Mr. Hoover is past commander and present adjutant of John Murray Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, is a past grand of Pierceton Lodge No. 257 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and past chief patriarch of the Encampment. Politically he is a republican, and in his younger years was a man of much influence in local politics in this section.

Amos Ringle. It was forty years ago when Amos Ringle first became acquainted with Kosciusko County. For more than a quarter of a century he has been a continuous resident of Warsaw, and until recently was proprietor of one of the largest and best known mercantile establishments in that city. His standing as a business man and citizen is above question, and those who know Amos Ringle best know that his spoken promise can be relied upon.

By birth he is a native of one of Ohio's oldest counties. He was born near Minerva in Stark County, the county seat of which is Canton, on January 21, 1854. He is one of the seven surviving children in the family of eight born to John and Sophia (Bortz) Ringle, who were natives of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and Stark County, Ohio, respectively. Mr. Ringle's grandfather was also named John Ringle. The latter did teaming across the mountains to Pennsylvania before railroads were constructed and he also operated a small farm. He was of German stock but his wife was a native of Ireland. Grandfather John Ringle's father had served in the Revolutionary war and was with Washington in the terrible winter spent at Valley Forge. John Ringle, father of Amos, left his parents' home in Pennsylvania and went to Stark County, Ohio, where he met and married Miss Sophia Bortz. He died in Stark County about forty years ago, while Mrs. Ringle died in 1913. One of their sons, the oldest of the family, served his country during the Civil war and is now living in Canton, and the son of this old veteran, named Homer, saw active service in the Spanish-American war.

On the old home farm in Stark County Amos Ringle spent his youth and early manhood. His experiences were not different from those of other Ohio boys of the time. He attended district schools, and learned how to work on the farm. In 1875, at the age of twenty-one, he came to Kosciusko County. The presence of a number of his mother's relatives in the county was what brought him here. He soon afterwards secured a school to teach, known as the Best school, south of Nappanee. He continued teaching for three years and used the proceeds of that work to defray his expenses at Professor Reubert's school at Bourbon.

About 1878 Mr. Ringle went to Emporia, Kansas, where for eight years he was engaged in the retail grocery business and also acquired ownership of several ranches in that section of Kansas. In 1889 he returned to Kosciusko County and for seven years was in the furniture house of R. H. Hitzler at Warsaw. He then engaged in the furniture business on his own account and developed a trade and maintained a stock in furniture and kindred lines second to none in Kosciusko County. Mr. Ringle sold out his furniture industry in December, 1917, and is now retired from active business.

In politics he is a democrat, and is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees. On April 15, 1878, he married Miss Priscilla Shaffer. Her father, Henry Shaffer, had for many years been a well known farmer and citizen of Kosciusko County. Mr. and Mrs. Ringle are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To their marriage were born three children: Mabel died at the age of twenty-one. Jessie Ethel died at eighteen months. The only one now living is Benjamin Franklin.

WILLIAM W. GILLIAM. About forty-five years ago when William W. Gilliam married, he had a very small piece of land as a start towards farming, and since then his own energies and sound intelligence have enabled him to accumulate a property which makes him one of the leading farmers and land owners of Wayne Township.

Mr. Gilliam was born in Washington Township of this county April 26, 1850, son of William F. and Mary Elizabeth (Morris) Gilliam. His father was born in Virginia, and on reaching his majority moved to Ohio and from Fayette County, that state, came to Kosciusko County in the fall of 1845. He lived in Washington Township for some years and later moved to Tippecanoe Township, where he had a farm. In that locality he died September 5, 1882, when nearly sixty-seven years of age. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mary Elizabeth Morris was a native of Ohio and survived her husband. They were the parents of twelve children, those still living being as follows: Clavin, who served as a soldier in the Union army and is now a stock buyer at Warsaw; Minerva, who lives in Rich Creek; William W.; Angeline, wife of Nathaniel Hover; Emma, wife of French Berry; Edward, of LaGrange County, Indiana; and Hattie, wife of Harry Kelley, of Warsaw.

William W. Gilliam grew up on the old farm in Tippecanoe Township. He had a common school education and was at home with his parents until twenty-one, when he started out to carve his own fortune in the world.

In 1872 he married Miss Mary C. Baker, a native of Kosciusko County. His career has been spent as a progressive farmer of this county. He now owns 330 acres comprising his home place in Wayne Township and also has 145 acres in LaGrange County. He combines good stock with productive fields, and his farm is one of the chief producing centers of agricultural supplies in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam have three children: Mabel, who finished her education in high school and is now the widow of George A. Snyder of Warsaw; Mary, a graduate of the common schools and wife of William R. Hall, of Warsaw; and Fred E., who was educated in the public schools and is a farmer in Plain Township. He married Irene Hill.

Mr. Gilliam and family are members of the Progressive Brethren Church at Warsaw and he is one of the deacons. Politically he is a republican and is at present serving on the Township Advisory Board.

REV. GEORGE H. THAYER. HON. JOHN D. THAYER. For a period of more than fifty-five years the name Thayer has been one of greatest significance in Kosciusko County. Members of the family have been effective upholders of the Christian religion and every phase of morality and intellectual and spiritual progress. They have been business men of more than ordinary ability, have been leaders in public affairs, and the City of Warsaw in particular has cause to remember their attainments and influence with gratitude.

The Rev. George H. Thayer was best known to this community and all over Northern Indiana as a pioneer Methodist preacher, one who was a true missionary and carried the Gospel word to many isolated communities. He was born December 29, 1807, in Brown County, New York. His father was James Thayer, a native of Massachusetts and of colonial ancestry. James Thayer served as captain of a company of militia during the War of 1812. Rev. George H. Thayer was graduated from Onondaga Academy and both prior to his graduation and afterwards he taught school. When about eighteen years of age he was converted and joined the Methodist Church. In 1836 he entered the ministry and for a number of years pursued the work without compensation, undertaking the arduous role of the itinerant minister, walking and riding horseback for miles to keep his appointments. He is properly remembered among the pioneer evangelists of that faith in Northern Indiana. In 1845 he located at Peru, Indiana, and three years later moved to Marshall County. From there in 1859 he came to Bourbon in Kosciusko County, and laid out Thayer's Addition to that town. Rev. George H. Thayer was a man of strong force of character, was public spirited, an earnest worker on matters pertaining to religious and educational development, and for these and many other reasons his life should be a matter of record in Kosciusko County. He was not only devoted to his duty as he saw it, but was an original and profound thinker on many subjects, and a man of enlightened opinions and convictions. He cast his first presidential ballot for Andrew Jackson, but later became a whig, and still later supported the republican principles. He was a Knight Templar in the

Masonic fraternity. His death occurred December 6, 1899, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. His first wife was Hannah Griffin, who died in 1865. She was the mother of three children: Henry G., John D. and Frances Augusta. Both the sons became prominent men in Indiana. In 1867 Rev. Mr. Thayer married Mrs. Amelia Crockett. To that union were born two daughters: Lillie and Emma G.

Hon. John D. Thayer, who left an indelible impress not only upon business affairs but upon the public life of Kosciusko County, was one of the sons of the late Rev. George H. Thayer. John D. Thayer was born in Syracuse, New York, May 27, 1840, and when about five years of age accompanied his father to Peru, Indiana, spent part of his early youth in Marshall County, and went with his father to Bourbon in Kosciusko County in 1859, and helped the latter develop a farm there. Thus the early circumstances of John D. Thayer were those of a rural community. He gained his education in district schools and came to manhood on the old farm near Bourbon. He also supplemented his early education by a course in DePauw University at Greencastle, Indiana. He had also taught school prior to going to college.

It was his early ambition to become a lawyer, though destiny overruled and his life work was chiefly in business and industrial affairs. He lived at both Bourbon and Plymouth for several years, and at Plymouth clerked for a brother in a grocery store. Subsequently the two brothers engaged in the grain business.

In 1862 John D. Thayer married Sara Erwin, daughter of Elijah and Mary (Scott) Erwin, who were Quaker settlers in Marshall County, Indiana. About a year after his marriage Mr. Thayer moved to Warsaw, and that city was thenceforth his home. With his brother Henry G. he bought the mill west of the square which originally was built by Colonel Chapman. This industry they operated for a number of years. In 1876 John D. Thayer bought the Big Four grain elevator, and operated it until he sold the building to J. F. Beyer to be used as a barn. He next bought the elevator originally owned by Samuel Oldfather. He continued in the elevator and grain business until his death.

In many ways Mr. Thayer was prominently identified with the affairs of Warsaw. He was an ardent republican and was twice honored by election to the Lower House of the State Legislature, and once to the State Senate. He was not a silent member of the legislative body, but did much to shape legislation during his term of service. He was author of some of the measures still found on the statute books of the state. Fraternally he was active in the Masonic Order, attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and was also a Knight Templar. Anything that was undertaken to make a better and greater city was sure to appeal to him, and he took a great deal of pride in the prosperity and welfare of his own community, and in every way possible assisted its progress.

This sterling citizen of Warsaw passed away January 28, 1895. He and his wife were the parents of six children, two of whom died in infancy, and the other four are Mattie O., now Mrs. E. E. Hendee, of

San Diego, California; Jessie; Harry D., a resident of California; and Mary.

Mrs. Thayer was of the Quaker religious belief, but owing to the fact that there was no organization of Quakers at Warsaw she and the rest of her family attended the Presbyterian Church. In her younger days she taught school, and through all her life she kept in close touch with educational affairs. She was an able helper and adviser to the able man with whom she lived for a period of thirty-three years. Her death occurred September 10, 1914. She took a very active part with other Warsaw women in the work of the W. C. T. U., and some forty years ago she was one of the participants in the liquor crusades. She was also a member of the Zerelda Reading Club, and she and Mr. Thayer were among the charter members of the local chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

JOHN S. CONKLIN has become well known to different farming sections in Kosciusko County as a veteran thresherman. He has been operating threshing outfits over this district for over twenty-five years. Mr. Conklin is also a practical farmer and his home is 2½ miles southeast of Warsaw.

He was born on the southeast corner section of Wayne Township on February 8, 1869, son of Cyrus E. and Isabel J. (Lucas) Conklin. Mr. Conklin grew up on the farm where he was born and attended the district schools to the age of eighteen. After that he worked at home and at the age of twenty-one, on July 12, 1890, married Miss Laura J. Walker. Mrs. Conklin was born half a mile north of her husband's birthplace, and they attended the same school and were in the same classes.

After their marriage they took charge of the Conklin home farm, later lived on the Walker farm, and from that moved to another place nearby. When twenty-five years old, in 1895, Mr. Conklin bought his first threshing outfit and has been continuously in the business with all the changes and incidents thereto for more than twenty-five years. He is now using his fourth outfit, which represents a remarkable advance over the first machinery, which at the time was the best on the market. Mr. Conklin had the distinction of operating the first wind stacker over a district between the Nickel Plate Railroad and the Pennsylvania lines.

Mr. and Mrs. Conklin have seven living children. Frank, a graduate of the Warsaw High School and who also studied at Winona, became first sergeant in the One Hundred and Thirteenth Mobile Ordnance repair shops and now in France. Harry, who also represents the family in army service, is a graduate of the common schools and is a member of Battery D of the One Hundred Thirty-seventh Field Artillery and now in New Jersey. Mary is a graduate of the common schools and is the wife of Carl Funk. Eva is still at home and Zola May and Lola Fay, twins, born December 17, 1911, have recently begun their school careers. The youngest of the family is Ralph, aged five years.

Mr. Conklin is affiliated with Lodge No. 515 of the Independent

Order of Odd Fellows at Claypool and is also a member of the Loyal Order of Moose. Politically he votes as a democrat in national affairs, but is liberal and gives his support to the best man in local questions.

JACOB W. MATZ, who has a fine farm property in the northeast corner of Wayne Township, is of that type of citizens who begin life without special advantages or the inheritance of means except the ability to toil and make the best of environment.

He has proved himself one of the sturdy characters of Kosciusko County, and though he and his wife had absolutely nothing when they married they are now possessed of some valuable property and have gained an enviable station in life.

Mr. Matz was born in Franklin County, Ohio, April 18, 1860, son of Daniel and Mary A. (Matz) Matz. Both parents were natives of Berks County, Pennsylvania. They spent their last years in Ohio. Of their six children five are still living: Sidney; Orlando Franklin; Ida J., a graduate of the Wooster High School and of Akron College, and now a teacher in the schools of Akron; and Ella, wife of Loren Lounsbury, of Akron.

Jacob W. Matz grew to manhood in Wayne County, Ohio, and was educated in the district schools. He was only thirteen when he started to make his own living. For several years he worked on a farm at wages of only $4 a month. On the 24th of December, 1882, he arrived in Kosciusko County. He was poor and practically a stranger, and for several years he continued to do farm work at wages.

On November 19, 1885, he married Lydia Freesner. Mrs. Matz was born in Hocking County, Ohio, and was two years old when her parents moved to Kosciusko County, where she grew up and received her education in the district schools, and she also taught school in the county. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Matz rented land in the county until 1900, when they achieved one definite advance in prosperity by purchasing seventy-three acres of land where they now live. Since then other items have been added to their prosperity, and besides they have twenty-five acres in Tippecanoe Township and fifty acres in Plain Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Matz have also been active in the affairs of their community and are members of the Progressive Brethren Church at Dutchtown. In politics Mr. Matz is a republican. He and his wife have three children: Ida A., a graduate of the common schools and wife of R. W. Kile; Anna, who has finished the work of the common schools and lives at home; and Luella, who is also at home. All are graduates of the common schools.

JOHN D. GODDARD, owner of one of the largest farms of Kosciusko County, has spent practically all his life in Indiana, and is an honored surviving veteran of the Civil war. He fought valiantly for the cause of the Union, and his entire career may be described as a battle, since he had to struggle for his own living when a mere boy. With the aid of a good wife he has acquired substantial means and is one of the

leading men of this county. His farm home is in section 2 of Wayne Township.

Mr. Goddard was born in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, near Battleground, November 9, 1842, son of Benjamin H. and Nancy (Deardoff) Goddard. His father was a native of the State of Maine and his mother of Ohio. Both families were pioneers in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, where Benjamin Goddard and wife married and where they lived on a farm until 1846. In that year they removed to Newton County, Indiana, which was then just beginning to be settled. Benjamin Goddard died there in 1847. His wife married again and survived him nearly fifty years. She passed away at Morocco, Indiana, in 1904. Benjamin Goddard and wife had five children: Sarah Ann, who died in 1874; Matilda, widow of Lafayette McCullough, living at Leon, Kansas; Catherine, widow of Finley Shaffer, a soldier of the Civil war; John D.; Melissa, wife of John Smart, living near Morocco. The second husband of Nancy Goddard was Andrew Murphy, who gave up his life as a soldier of the Union during the Civil war.

John D. Goddard started to make his own way in the world when only ten years old. He was employed at monthly wages on a farm to the age of eighteen. He responded with all he had to the call of President Lincoln for volunteers to put down the rebellion and on September 7, 1861, enlisted in Company D of the Ninth Indiana Infantry. He was with the regiment on constant duty until mustered out three years later in September, 1864. He was wounded in the great battle of Chickamauga. His first battle was at Greenbrier, following which he participated at Stone River, Chickamauga, and a number of the battles leading up to the Atlanta campaign. Following the war he returned to Newton County, Indiana, and resumed his career as a farmer.

On February 15, 1866, Mr. Goddard married Mary J. Kessler. Mrs. Goddard was born in Newton County September 4, 1845, daughter of David and Rachel (Fisher) Kessler. Her father was a native of Virginia and her mother of Indiana. Her parents were the first couple married at Battle Ground. Mrs. Goddard was reared in Jasper County, now Newton County, Indiana. Her father was a stanch republican and a member of the United Brethren Church.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Goddard settled on the farm of his father-in-law, and later he bought the farm and was greatly prospered as a farmer in Newton County until he left there in 1901 and came to Warsaw. In Kosciusko County Mr. Goddard has invested heavily in land and now owns 535 acres.

Mr. Goddard is one of the interesting men who voted for President Lincoln during the Civil war times. He became a republican then and has always been true to the doctrines of the party. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Warsaw, and he is affiliated with his old army comrades in the Grand Army Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Goddard have had the following children: Clara, of Denver, Colorado; Anna, deceased; Rachel Raye, wife of Alexander Craig, of Bristow, Connecticut; William, who owns a farm in Cali-

fornia; Belle, wife of Charles Hines and living in San Francisco; and Blanche, wife of Clint Dederich, of Warsaw.

WILLIAM H. ORR. The winning of a comfortable prosperity after many struggles with fortune and the establishment of a home and place as an honored and influential citizen of his community is a short measure of the accomplishment of William H. Orr, who for many years has been identified with Kosciusko County. Mr. Orr is proprietor of the well known Brookside Farm, comprising 160 acres 3½ miles northeast of Warsaw in Wayne County.

He is a native of Wayne County, Ohio. His first place was in Orrville, a town which was laid out by three brothers, Smith, James and Samuel Orr, all of whom emigrated from Ireland, first settling in Philadelphia and from there going to Wayne County, Ohio, when it was a wilderness community. Of these three brothers James Orr was grandfather of William H. Orr. His children were named Barr R., Samuel, James, William, Henry, Elizabeth, Mariah, Margaret, Mary, Amanda.

Samuel Orr, the father of William H. Orr, married Mary McClellan, of Apple Creek. They had two children, William H. and Ann Eliza, the latter dying at the age of fourteen. Samuel Orr died in Ohio, and his widow, about 1852, brought her family to Indiana, locating at Anderson, and about 1855 going by ox team to Noble County, Indiana.

When he was sixteen years old William H. Orr left home and started to make his own living. He had the equipment of a district school education. After some years of self support he entered, at the age of twenty-three, Valparaiso College and was graduated in the teachers and business course. For a time he was located at Ligonier, and for about eighteen years was in business in Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan. In April, 1891, he traded for a farm and later bought his present place, the Brookside Farm in Kosciusko County.

Mr. Orr has four children: Mabel, wife of Homer Van Curen; Iva, wife of Walter Hover; Mary, wife of Earl D. Keefer; and William A., who is a graduate of the Warsaw High School and is still at home. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Morris Chapel, and Mr. Orr is one of the trustees. He is affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees at Ligonier and in politics is a democrat. Judge William Orr, a prominent figure in the bar and affairs of Wayne County, Ohio, is a first cousin of Mr. Orr's father.

HARRY LATHROPE is one of the oldest residents of Kosciusko County. He has been identified with the county in the capacity of a substantial mechanical workman or as a farmer for fully half a century. He is now proprietor of a good farm of forty acres known as the Silvias Ramble Farm, located 3½ miles southeast of Warsaw in Wayne Township, on rural route No. 6.

Mr. Lathrope is a native of England, having been born at Denby Dale in Yorkshire April 8, 1849. He was sixteen years old when he came with his parents to the United States in August, 1865. The family located at Warsaw, where Harry Lathrope grew to maturity.

He was educated in the schools of England, and spent a three years' apprenticeship learning the blacksmith's trade.

Mr. Lathrope married Huldah Elder. Mrs. Lathrope was born 5½ miles from Warsaw in Washington Township September 25, 1858. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lathrope located at Warsaw, where he followed his trade for many years. In 1910 they moved to their present comfortable home in the country. They became the parents of two children, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lathrope made a trip back to England in April, 1892, and spent several months in the old country visiting friends and familiar scenes. Mr. Lathrope is a member of the Church of England and is a republican in politics.

JONATHAN WYLAND. Some highly developed farms lie along rural route No. 6 out of Warsaw in Wayne Township, and one of them is the place of Jonathan Wyland in the southeast corner of that township, in section 36. Mr. Wyland has given a good account of his energies and abilities and deserves to rank well to the front among the farming men of one of the richest agricultural sections of Indiana.

Mr. Wyland is a native of Kosciusko County, born in Tippecanoe Township April 22, 1862, son of Jonathan and Rebecca (Bowman) Wyland. His father was a native of Ohio and his mother of Pennsylvania. Both parents came to Indiana in early days, the Wylands locating in Kosciusko County and the Bowmans in Noble County. Jonathan, Sr., and wife after marriage located on a farm in Tippecanoe Township, where he entered 126 acres of government land, and there they spent their useful careers. Both were active Christians, and very fine people. Of their fifteen children the following are still living: Daniel, of Michigan; Nathaniel, of Oregon; Alfred, of Michigan; Ford, who lives in the State of Washington; Emanuel, of Kosciusko County; Elizabeth, wife of Emanuel Fanciel, of Noble County, Indiana; Mary M., wife of Daniel Llewellyn, of Elkhart County, Indiana; and Jonathan.

Jonathan Wyland grew up on the old homestead in Tippecanoe Township and was educated in the district schools. At the age of twenty he started to make his own living and did farm work until his marriage in December, 1885, to Miss Caroline Mindline, of Tippecanoe Township. Mrs. Wyland is a native of Ohio, but has spent most of her life in Kosciusko County.

The first five years after his marriage Mr. Wyland did farming and saw milling and in 1890 moved to Wayne Township, and has owned and occupied his present home in the southeast quarter of that township since 1910. By the united industry and economy of himself and good wife he has built up a fine estate of 180 acres. His reputation as a farmer is most widely known as a successful breeder of Shorthorn cattle. His herd is headed by Warsaw Victor. He also breeds Duroc and Poland China hogs. He is a prohibitionist in politics and is very active in the United Brethren Church.

He and his wife have two children: Lester E., born May 20, 1891, is a graduate of the common schools and of Winona Academy in 1910, and by his marriage to Margaret Hickok has four children, named

Margaret, Rose M. and Catherine, twins, and Florence V. Both he and his family are members of the United Brethren Church. Devona, the second child, born February 22, 1897, is the wife of Royce Harshmer, of Wayne Township.

HOMER T. MENZIE is one of the residents of Kosciusko County with whom love of land, of peace and industry is a dominant characteristic. Mr. Menzie has one of the good farms seven miles east of Warsaw, on rural route No. 3, and does a splendid business in general farming and stock raising.

He was born at the place he now owns December 24, 1884, son of William T. and Emily (Groves) Menzie. His parents were also born in Kosciusko County and represented early pioneer families here. The mother was born in Washington Township October 8, 1848. After their marriage they settled on the farm where their son Homer now lives, and the father lived there until his death on December 8, 1885. There were five children: Verna, wife of H. C. Rosselot, of Long Beach, California; Ada, wife of D. F. Van Nattor, on a farm in Washington Township; Mary, wife of F. P. Benton, at Warsaw; and A. G., who is foreman for the Winona Electric Light & Water Company.

Homer T. Menzie grew up on the old homestead, gained his education in the common schools, and was reared and trained in the occupation which he has followed chiefly throughout his active career. On reaching manhood he went east and for eleven months was foreman in the plant of the New York Glucose Company at Jersey City and was also weighmaster for the same company. After his marriage he returned to Kosciusko County and has been busily engaged in farming, supervising his fields and crops, and he also buys carload lots of livestock, pasturing and finishing them for market.

Mr. Menzie married Miss Ethel Smith, daughter of G. J. Smith of Kosciusko County. She was born in Wayne Township and was educated in the common schools. They have three children: Lucile, aged ten; Audra, aged nine; and Morris J., aged seven. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Morris Chapel and Mr. Menzie is one of the official board and has served as superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a republican in politics.

GEORGE B. SALMON is one of Kosciusko County's well known citizens who started life without particular advantages and assets and by self denial, thrift and industry gradually accumulated those means which represent financial independence. He is now possessor of a good farm home in Washington Township, a mile south and 1½ miles west of Pierceton, on rural route No. 3.

Mr. Salmon is a native of Whitley County, Indiana, born near Larwell July 13, 1866. His parents were Benjamin B. and Susanna (Sickafoose) Salmon. His father was born near Marietta in Washington County, Ohio, and his mother was a native of the same state. When he was three years old his parents moved to Delaware County, Ohio, where he grew up to the age of twenty-one and then came to Indiana in 1843 and located a mile north of Larwell, where he was one of the

early settlers. His wife's people had come to Indiana in 1837 and established their home near Lee's Corners in Cleveland Township of Whitley County, where the maternal grandparents of George B. Salmon spent their last years. Benjamin B. Salmon married in Whitley County and was one of the substantial farmers and highly respected citizens of the Larwell community until his death in 1894. He and his wife had three children, Michael dying at the age of six years. Della, who was born in 1864, became the wife of Rev. C. A. Bellheimer, of Elwood, Indiana.

George B. Salmon had the old farm in Whitley County as the scene of his youth and in that locality he attended the common schools to the age of fourteen. After that he was on his own responsibility and worked at any honorable occupation he could find.

After considerable experience and with a view to a settled future he married on March 1, 1892, Miss Elizabeth Ring, who was born and educated in Whitley County. Mr. Salmon worked for some years in a saw mill. He finally bought the old farm in Whitley County, but in March, 1894, moved to Kosciusko County and acquired a good farm of eighty acres where he and his family now reside. Mr. Salmon has prospered here as a general farmer and stock raiser and is a man who takes an active interest in local welfare. He has served as a member of the township advisory board and politically votes the republican ticket.

Mr. and Mrs. Salmon had three children. The daughter Neva was graduated from the common schools and died about the time she attained womanhood. Garth B. is a graduate of the common schools and the local high school, spent one term in Winona and one term in Hanover College, and is still living at home. The youngest is Dorothy, aged sixteen years. All the family are members of the Presbyterian Church at Pierceton and Mr. Salmon is one of its elders.

John L. Boggs, whose concentrated energies through a long period of years have been directed to farming and who owns one of the good places on route No. 6 out of Warsaw, is a member of one of the very earliest families to establish their homes in the wilderness of what is now Kosciusko County. His father was in fact in this county before it was organized and about the time the boundaries were laid out.

Mr. Boggs' grandparents were Andrew and Susannah (Bowen) Boggs, both of whom were born in Greenbrier County, Virginia. They came to Indiana in 1825, about the time Indianapolis was established as a city, and made their home in Wayne County and from there moved to Henry County, where Susannah Boggs died May 4, 1834. Her husband soon afterward located in Blackford County, where he married a second time. He served as a justice while living in Delaware and Blackford counties and was also associate judge of the latter county. He was a man of affairs and was one of the proprietors of Hartford City, county seat of Blackford County. After a long and useful life he died January 27, 1854.

The father of Mr. John L. Boggs was Andrew Hamilton Boggs, who was born in Jackson County, Ohio, March 7, 1821. He was four years

old when brought to Indiana and grew to manhood in Wayne, Henry and Blackford counties. The sons of the early settlers had very little opportunity to obtain what would now be called a very liberal education, since public schools in the modern sense of the term did not then exist in Indiana. But he wisely made use of such advantages as came to him, and developed a good mind, a resourceful energy, and a character that entitled him to the respect of all who knew him. At the age of fourteen he was practically thrown upon his own resources. At that time, in the spring of 1835, he accompanied two of his brothers from Wayne County to LaPorte County, making the entire journey on foot. He and his brothers worked for a time as farm laborers at ten dollars a month. Later he pursued his journey to Peru in the Miami Reserve, but in the fall of 1835 came to Kosciusko County. For a time he made his home with his brother-in-law Joel L. Long, near Leesburg. Then followed years of toil and careful economy in order to realize his ambition to become a farmer, and land owner, and eventually he acquired a generous property in Prairie Township of Kosciusko County, where he lived until his death. He was a democrat in politics and was a member of the Seventh Adventist Church.

Andrew H. Boggs married, December 14, 1843, Martha Ann Thomas, daughter of Antepas and Axsa Thomas, also natives of Tennessee. The Thomas family were also among the pioneers of Kosciusko County, arriving here in the fall of 1835. Mrs. Andrew H. Boggs died June 3, 1886. She was a member of the Christian Church. They had a large family of children, and those now living are: Axsa, wife of Samuel Anglin, of Wausau; Thomas W., a farmer in Clay Township; John L.; Ellen; Samuel, who lives in Kosciusko County; Jennie, wife of Edward Shinn, of Oklahoma; Harvey D. of Prairie Township.

John L. Boggs was born on his father's farm in Prairie Township January 7, 1855. In that locality he grew to manhood and acquired an education in the district schools and was a worker on the home place to the age of twenty-three.

On October 25, 1880, he married Miss Rosa Norris. Mrs. Boggs was born in Prairie Township and at the age of three years was left an orphan. She found a good home with Mr. Horn in Elkhart County and was given a good common school education. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Boggs rented his father's farm in Prairie Township for seven years, and then bought his present place in Monroe Township, comprising ninety-six acres, devoted to general farming and stock raising.

He and his wife have three children: Andrew H., a graduate of the common schools who lives on his father's farm, married Rubie Fisher. He also owns fifty-three acres of his own. Virginia, the second child, is the wife of Calvin Smith, owner of a good farm of sixty acres in Clay Township. Mattie is the wife of Walter S. Scott, of Monroe Township. Mr. Boggs has seven grandchildren, five boys and two girls. In politics he is a democrat.

CHARLES W. SMITH is one of the prosperous farm owners and well known citizens of Washington Township and for his success the credit

is due almost entirely to his individual efforts and his steadfast honesty and integrity.

Mr. Smith was born in Richland Township, Holmes County, Ohio, August 13, 1848. He is a son of Peter and Hannah (Patton) Smith. His father was born in Ontario, Canada, and his mother in Pennsylvania. Peter Smith grew to maturity in Canada and then moved to New York State, where he married a Miss Springenberger. She died in New York State, the mother of eleven children. Later he moved to Pennsylvania and married Miss Hannah Patton, and they finally brought their family to Holmes County, Ohio, where they spent their last years. Peter Smith was a very successful man in handling his affairs whether farming or business, and owned a large place of 400 acres. He was the father of twenty-six children by his two wives.

Charles W. Smith grew up on a farm in Holmes County, Ohio, and had training afforded by the public schools of his day. When a single man he moved to Indiana and in Allen County he married Miss Clara Bushong. After their marriage they located on a farm in Allen County and he acquired forty acres there. Selling that they moved to Kosciusko County and bought forty acres in Washington Township, and now own a well improved place of eighty acres 1½ miles southwest of Pierceton, on rural route No. 2. Mr. Smith is a republican in politics, but has never sought any of the honors of public affairs. He is a general farmer and stock raiser, and a man whose reputation is one of the best in his part of the county.

Mr. Smith has been twice married. His first marriage, to Clara Bushong, occurred March 26, 1876. His second marriage, to Allie Zinninger, occurred April 12, 1899.

Milton I. Koontz. One of the names that is well known to the people of Kosciusko County as representing expert agricultural ability and sound citizenship is that of Milton I. Koontz, who grew up in this county and has distinguished himself by his progressive measures and achievements as a farmer of Monroe Township.

Mr. Koontz was born in Jennings County, Indiana, September 27, 1882, a son of William and Hannah (Bowman) Koontz. His parents were married in Ohio and both were born on the same day, month and year. The father died in 1908. From Ohio they moved to Jennings County, Indiana, and in 1887 located in Monroe Township of Kosciusko County, where they had their home the rest of their lives. William Koontz was a very well to do farmer, and his efforts enabled him to accumulate a large property of 390 acres. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and in politics a republican. William Koontz and wife have four children: Sadie, wife of Frank Richards, of Whitley County, Indiana; Rilla, widow of Charles Barnhart; Calvin M., of Monroe Township; and Milton.

Milton I. Koontz has lived in Kosciusko County since he was five years old. He was educated in the common schools of Monroe Township and lived at home until his marriage to Miss Elnore Workman. Mrs. Koontz is a native of Kosciusko County and was reared and educated here.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Koontz settled on 160 acres which he bought from his father's estate. He has made a splendid success both in his fields and in the handling of his livestock. The farm equipment of the Koontz place measures up to the very best found anywhere in the county. The barn is in its main dimensions 40 by 60 feet, with an L 30 by 40 feet. There is a basement under the entire structure and it has capacity for holding an immense amount of stock and farm material. The Koontz home is one that many city people might envy. It contains nine rooms, is furnace heated, and has all the up-to-date conveniences and facilities.

Mr. and Mrs. Koontz are the parents of five children: Leota, Ammen, Esther, Ruth and Marie. Fraternally Mr. Koontz is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and in politics is a republican.

CALVIN M. KOONTZ is one of the substantial element of agriculturists in Kosciusko County and is said to have one of the best kept farm homes in Monroe Township. This farm is known by the popular name of Woodside Farm and comprises ninety-five well cultivated and managed acres located 5½ miles northwest of South Whitley, on rural route No. 3.

Mr. Koontz was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, February 19, 1880, son of William and Hannah Bauman Koontz. Three weeks after his birth his parents moved to Indiana and located in Jennings County and eight years later came to Kosciusko County, where Calvin M. Koontz has spent all his subsequent years. He was educated in the common schools and also in Manchester College.

Mr. Koontz has two children, Thelma, aged ten years, and Edith Stafford. The latter is the daughter of his wife by a former marriage. Thelma is his first wife's child. In 1914 Mr. Koontz married Mrs. Zelma Idle Stafford, daughter of T. H. Idle.

Mr. Koontz is a very active and prominent member of the Christian Church, being president of the board of trustees and serving as superintendent of the Sunday school now in his eighth year, and for four years was superintendent of the Monroe Township Sunday School Association and is now its vice president. He is affiliated with Springfield Lodge No. 213 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is part grand of the lodge and member of the Encampment. He is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and in politics is a republican. He has been party committeeman, and in many other ways takes an active interest in local affairs.

ABRAHAM PFLEIDERER. A mark of special esteem and confidence has been reposed in Abraham Pfleiderer by his fellow citizens in Monroe Township, who have continuously kept him in the office of township assessor for the past eight years.

Mr. Pfleiderer was born in Liberty Township of Crawford County, Ohio, December 19, 1846, a son of David and Mary (Hackenleble) Pfleiderer. His father was born in Germany December 4, 1822, and was brought to this country by his parents in the fall of 1830, when only eight years old. The Pfleiderers located in Crawford County,

Ohio, where David Pfleiderer grew to manhood and married Mary Hackenleble, a native of Crawford County. Their children were: Linda Moore, Anna Stafford, Mary Huffman, James B., Clara Simmons, Mattie Fridle and Abraham.

Abraham Pfleiderer grew up in Ohio and has been a practical farmer of Monroe Township for many years. He is a member of the Baptist Church and in politics a democrat, has served as supervisor, as township committeeman and was appointed to the office of assessor in 1911. He is now in his second four-year term.

Mr. Pfleiderer married Sarah A. Wert, who was born in Sandusky Township of Crawford County, Ohio, June 16, 1844, daughter of John and Saloma (Shaffer) Wert. Her parents were both natives of Pennsylvania but spent their last years in Crawford County, Ohio. In the Wert family were seven children, three of whom are still living: J. B. Wert, of Carrollton, Ohio; Eliza Roop, now living with Mr. and Mrs. Pfleiderer; and Sarah A.

Mr. Pfleiderer has twenty grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

William E. Merrick is one of those fortunate men who possess farms and landed interests in Kosciusko County. He has lived in this county all his life, came to manhood with ample experience and training in what has proved his permanent vocation, and gradually from year to year has accumulated a property and the other interests that furnish a solid basis of satisfaction and comfort. His home is in Washington Township, 2½ miles southwest of Pierceton, on rural route No. 2.

Mr. Merrick was born in Van Buren Township of this county July 13, 1864, son of Henry Edward and Mahala E. (Wright) Merrick. The Merricks are a pioneer family in Kosciusko County. His grandfather, Richard H. Merrick, was born in Montgomery County, Maryland, August 10, 1813, and during his early life there followed teaming and blacksmithing. He had a very limited education. In Maryland June 6, 1837, he married Miss Nancy Halbert, who was born in Morgan County, Virginia, daughter of Noah and Susan Halbert. In 1848 Richard H. Merrick moved from Maryland to Montgomery County, Ohio, and in 1857 came to Kosciusko County. For seven years he worked the farm of William Felkner south of Milford, and afterwards owned and improved eighty acres in Monroe Township. He died November 29, 1884. He was a member and for many years an elder in the Christian Church and his widow belonged to the same denomination. They had three children, Henrietta S., who married O. O. Felkner, Henry Edward, and Mary C., who married Myron Potter.

Henry E. Merrick was born in Maryland and was a small boy when brought to Kosciusko County. He grew up on a farm in Van Buren Township, had a common school education supplemented by a course in Hillsdale College in Michigan, and for a number of years he was a successful teacher. On July 4, 1863, Henry Edward Merrick married Mahala Wright, who was born in Kosciusko County

August 28, 1843, and spent all her life in this county. Mr. Merrick died in 1911 and his wife in November, 1917. He was very active in the affairs of the Christian Church, which he served as an officer, and was a democratic in politics. He and his wife had eight children, two of whom died young. Those still living are: William E.; Charles E., of Monroe Township; Frank M., of Milford; Neil W., of South Bend; Harry E., of Youngstown, Ohio; and Ralph E., of Elkhart County, Indiana.

William E. Merrick lived on a farm in Van Buren Township to the age of sixteen. His early advantages were supplied by the public schools of Milford and Monroe Township, and he also attended the County Normal and the College at Valparaiso. His early work, like that of his father, was as a teacher, and he had nine terms of teaching to his credit in this county.

November 8, 1888, he married Sarah A. Frank. She was born in Wood County, Ohio, August 13, 1874, daughter of Thornton and Catherine (Wiley) Frank. Her father was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, April 20, 1832, and moved to Wood County, Ohio, in 1843. He married there December 20, 1860, Catherine Wiley, who was born in Wood County June 16, 1840, daughter of James M. and Sarah (Wright) Wiley. James M. Wiley was born in 1809. Thornton Frank enlisted in Company E of the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Ohio Infantry for service in the Civil war.

After his marriage William E. Merrick began farming in Monroe Township, and after three years moved across the road from his former place to his present farm in Washington Township. Five children were born to them. Dongola, born October 4, 1890, is now deceased; Alaroma, born July 10, 1894, is the wife of Frank Green, of Pierceton, and they have one daughter, a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merrick, named Sarah E. Green, who was born January 1, 1913. Bunola, the third child, was born February 10, 1897, is a graduate and post-graduate of the Pierceton High School, and is now the wife of Walter W. Wiggs. Catherine, next youngest of the family, was born August 5, 1907, and is a student in the common schools, while the youngest, Donnabelle, was born July 31, 1912, and has already begun her schooling. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Pierceton and Mr. Merrick has served as church trustee. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and in politics is a democrat.

Edgar H. Henderson has been individually carrying the burdens of agriculture in Kosciusko County for a number of years. Business has prospered under his hand and he has enjoyed many of the good things of life, including a good home and the riches of esteem paid him by his fellow citizens.

Mr. Henderson's home is in Washington Township on rural route No. 2 out of Pierceton. He is a native of Ohio, born in Perry County October 11, 1880, son of George and Almeda (Voorhes) Henderson. His parents were also natives of Perry County, Ohio, were married there and in 1885 brought their family to Wayne Township of Kos-

ciusko County. They are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Warsaw and the father is a prohibitionist. They have five children: Ruth, wife of J. W. Keefer, of Monmouth, Illinois; Edgar H.; Margaret, wife of Harry Van Meter, of Wayne Township; Edith, a graduate of the Warsaw High School and now a stenographer at Elkhart; and Harold, who married Chloe Thompson and who as a United States soldier took part in the Mexican trouble in 1916 and is now with the army cantonment at Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Edgar H. Henderson was five years old when brought to Kosciusko County. He grew up in this locality, was educated in the district schools and remained at home to the age of twenty. He first married Bertha E. Funk, daughter of S. C. Funk and member of an old and prominent family of this county. Mrs. Henderson died in January, 1912, the mother of four children, Mary, Ward, Edith B. and Fred. Fred is now deceased. Mr. Henderson married for his present wife Edith E. Hawkins. They have two young children, Russell, aged four, and Ralph, aged two. Mr. Henderson is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of Moose and in politics is a republican. His farm comprises forty-three acres in section 30 of Washington Township.

J. R. Hover, editor and proprietor of the Pierceton Record, is descended from one of the first pioneer families of Kosciusko County. Four generations of the Hovers have lived in this county. His father and great-grandfather bore the name Peter and they lived a portion of their lives at least in Kosciusko County. They came to the county in 1837, locating in the vicinity of where the Village of Wooster now stands in Washington Township. When the first election was held in that township there were only five voters and grandfather Peter Hover was one of them. The Hovers as a rule have been agriculturists and in politics their affiliation has been steadily with the republican party since it was organized. The family also furnished charter members to the Presbyterian Church at Warsaw. Peter H. Hover, father of the Pierceton editor, spent his active life as a farmer in this county, and in religion he first was a member of the Baptist Church and later belonged to the United Brethren denomination. He married Lucy Van Ness, a native of Logan County, Ohio. Of their five children three are still living: George A., of Stillwater, Oklahoma; Ida, wife of H. G. Mickey, of Pierceton; and J. R. Hover.

J. R. Hover was born at Wooster in Washington Township March 7, 1870, and grew up in agricultural surroundings. He attended the public schools at Wooster, leaving at the age of sixteen. For about twenty years Mr. Hover suffered from rheumatism, almost to the extent of being completely incapacitated for regular work. He has always been a busy man, and in May, 1910, bought the Pierceton Record which he has successfully managed and edited since that date. He is now serving his third consecutive term as town clerk and is a leader in the republican party.

Mr. Hover married Miss Effa L. Yohn, of Pierceton. They are members of the Christian Science Church at Warsaw.

WILLIAM KIRKENDALL, a prosperous farmer of Washington Township, represents a family that has been identified with Kosciusko County for over eighty years. The good and substantial qualities of the race are exemplified in the career of Mr. William Kirkendall, who began life with practically no means and assets but has promoted himself until he is now proprietor of one of the excellent farms of the county.

Mr. Kirkendall was born near Milford, Indiana, May 19, 1868, son of Jacob and Christiana (Cook) Kirkendall. Both parents were natives of Ohio and came to Kosciusko County when young people. They married and then settled on a farm near Milford, where the mother died. The only daughter died at the age of twelve years. Her name was Mary. William Kirkendall lost his mother in early infancy, and after that was reared by his grandfather Cook. His grandfather gave him a good home and sent him to school, but at the age of twelve years practically made him manager of the Cook farm. Mr. Kirkendall remained there with added responsibilities and duties until he was twenty-three years old.

On March 19, 1894, he married Miss Minnie Wilkinson, a native of Noble County, Indiana, but reared in Whitley County. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Kirkendall settled near the A-Square Schoolhouse on twenty acres of land and gradually added to this until he had a farm of eighty acres. He finally traded that for the 158 acres where he now lives and this home and property represents his substantial achievements.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkendall have three children, Fred, Hazel and Blanche, all of whom have received the best advantages of the local schools. Mr. Kirkendall is a democrat in politics.

FLOYD STRIEBY is a present trustee of Turkey Creek Township. In every way he has justified the expectations of his fellow citizens who elected him to that office and it is highly consistent that a member of the Strieby family should be endowed with these responsibilities. The Striebys are a deep rooted stock of Kosciusko County and their names and activities have been a factor in Turkey Creek Township for fourscore years.

The family was established here by William Strieby, grandfather of Floyd. William was born in Pennsylvania March 23, 1811, a son of John and Maria (Richel) Strieby, also natives of Pennsylvania. In the same year that William was born his parents moved to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and he grew up there and married. His father died in Tuscarawas County in 1841 and his mother in 1839.

December 28, 1830, in Tuscarawas County, William Strieby married Elizabeth Stiffler, who was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, March 17, 1814, and was only three weeks old when her parents moved to Stark County, Ohio. Her father, Conrad Stiffler, was born in Huntington County, Pennsylvania, in 1792, and her mother, Rachel (Fitters) Stiffler, was born in the same county in 1789. Several of the Stiffler children were early settlers in Kosciusko County.

The migration which brought the Strieby family into Kosciusko

County occurred in July, 1836. The removal was made with two yoke of oxen, a covered wagon, and besides household goods they brought with them two cows and two yearling heifers. William Strieby bought eighty acres of land in Van Buren Township, but in the following April sold and acquired the 160 acres in section 29 of Turkey Creek Township in which locality he had his home the rest of his life. The trials and adversities which beset the pioneers can be told from the experiences of William Strieby. He paid ten dollars for the first barrel of salt he used in this county. His round log cabin was burned down soon after it was completed, and in order to re-establish himself he made the journey back to Ohio on foot to secure money for the purchase of his place in Turkey Creek Township. One of the main sources of dependence for provisions was the venison which could be had in abundance. He frequently hunted deer and sold the meat for three cents a pound. At times the family lived on a diet of potatoes, venison and pumpkins. William Strieby bought corn and paid sixty cents a bushel for the first lot and seventy-five cents for the next quantity. He had a wife who was equal to every emergency and without her encouragement and assistance the family would doubtless have returned to Ohio. She helped to clear many an acre of land, cutting all the small timber and even accompanied her husband in hunting deer. As a result of hardships and prevalent fever and ague the family became so discouraged in the fall of 1837 that they determined to return to Ohio. A purchaser was found for their cows but in a day or so Mrs. Strieby decided it would be better for them all if they remained. She was an expert in all the housewifely accomplishments of her time, spinning and weaving wool and yarn and flax and making all the clothing used in the home. She frequently dug up ginseng and lady slipper roots, for which there was an active commercial demand, and at one time she sold a quantity for forty-six dollars. The first wheat harvest was hauled with ox teams to Michigan City in 1840 and sold for two and a half cents a bushel. Large quantities of butter were produced on the farm and it sold for about twelve and a half cents a pound. Mrs. Strieby once carried twenty-five or thirty pounds of butter to Milford, a distance of eight miles.

For all these early disadvantages Mr. and Mrs. William Strieby were greatly prospered in the course of years, and besides their home farm of about 240 acres they gave their children land and money and saw them all well established. On December 28, 1880, William Strieby and wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and though it was one of the coldest days of the winter, nearly fourscore people gathered to do them honor. Before they died they could count nearly sixty grandchildren, and over thirty great-grandchildren. Their children born in Tuscarawas County were Henry, Anna, and Andrew, while those natives of Kosciusko County were William, Joel, Elizabeth, John, Conrad, Sarah, Alfred, Minerva and Barbara.

John B. Strieby, father of Floyd, was born in Turkey Creek Township February 23, 1844, and was one of the sons of the family who served in the Union army. He enlisted in 1864 in Company G

of the 38th Indiana Infantry, joining his regiment in Goldsboro, North Carolina. He was on detail service between Chattanooga and Atlanta, around Nashville, and received his honorable discharge July 15, 1865. After the war he engaged in farming, and acquired over a hundred acres of land in section 28 of Turkey Creek Township. He was an active member of the United Brethren church, and in politics a republican. John B. Strieby married on October 14, 1866, Delilah Cable. She was born in Turkey Creek Township, June 19, 1847, daughter of Cornelius and Margaret (Mock) Cable. John B. Strieby and wife had four children: Ida, born November 9, 1867, wife of Richard Guy, a former trustee of Turkey Creek Township; Alfaretta, born September 15, 1869, wife of David Clayton, of Turkey Creek Township; Floyd; and John Franklin, born August 4, 1877, who farms the old homestead.

Mr. Floyd Strieby was born in Turkey Creek Township, October 10, 1871. He has spent all his life in the locality of his birth, was educated in the local schools, and the cultivation of the land has claimed the largest share of his energies since early manhood. He owns sixty acres and is a general farmer and stock raiser.

In 1894 he married Miss Stella Whitehead, daughter of J. A. and Martha (Blanchard) Whitehead. She was reared and educated in Turkey Creek Township. They have two children. Marie, a graduate of the common school and the Syracuse High School, was a college student three years and taught school several years. She is living at home. George, a graduate of the common schools, is also at home. Mrs. Strieby is a member of the Radical United Brethren Church. In politics he is a republican. He was first appointed and served one year as township trustee and was then elected for the regular term of four years. Mr. Strieby has done much to maintain the best standards of the township schools and has proved honest, competent and efficient in every responsibility whether official or of a private nature.

Russell H. Butler was born August 7, 1876, at Plymouth, Marshall County, Indiana. Three years later his father, Harris E. Butler, disposed of his business interests and entered the ministry, which calling he faithfully followed for forty years over various fields of labor scattered throughout the northern half of Indiana, familiarly known to members of the United Brethren Church as St. Joseph Conference. From place to place the family was shifted that the father might labor for the betterment of mankind. Although the years were filled with privations and disappointments, the father's faith never wavered and every trial only served to strengthen his determination for greater service. It was this spirit of service he instilled in the members of his family.

In the fall of 1897 the family moved from Albion, Indiana, to Warsaw. Since then Russell H. Butler has been a resident of this county. He was educated in the common schools of Westfield, Fulton, Logansport, Galveston and Dayton, Indiana. His high school education was completed in Albion in 1896. The following year he

pursued a literary course in North Manchester College; 1901-02 were spent in Northwestern University.

When President McKinley issued his call for volunteers for the Spanish-American war, Russell H. Butler, who was away from home, responded to the call and enlisted June 27, 1898, at Plymouth, in Company M, 157th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Col. George M. Studebaker, and was sent into training at Port Tampa, Florida. On his return from the service he enlisted as a sergeant in Company H., Indiana National Guard, June 20, 1900. The family points with pride to its record as defenders of home, country and liberty.

The great-great-grandfather, Uriah Butler, was a soldier in the American revolution. The grandfather, Alfred Austin Butler, served in the Mexican war of 1846, also during the Civil war. The father, Rev. H. E. Butler, was one of Indiana's youngest soldiers in the Civil war, where he spent the better part of three years of his young life. His uncle, Richard Butler, served in the Philippine Islands during the Spanish-American struggle.

The mother of Russell Butler was Rebecca Uncapher Butler, daughter of Israel and Margaret Uncapher. The Uncaphers came from Saxony, Germany, in colonial days and settled in Virginia on the Lord Fairfax estate at an annual rental of two pounds, fifteen shillings and six pence. They were neighbors of George Washington. One member of the family, Dr. Abigal Uncapher, was twice elected to Congress from Maryland.

May 12, 1902, R. H. Butler married Elizabeth Vindora Foreman, the youngest of a family of six girls born to Daniel and Malinda Foremen of Goshen, Indiana. She was educated in the common and high school at Goshen. When she was but a mere child her father died and before completing high school the death of her mother left her an orphan. To this union was born one child, Wilbur Foreman Butler, March 11, 1903, a graduate of the common schools and a member of the high school. The family are all members of the Presbyterian Church and prominently identified with the church's activities. Mr. Butler has served as a teacher and superintendent for several years in the Sunday school. Under his leadership the school increased to over five hundred in membership. He is a true blue republican in politics and has taken much interest in his party in recent years. He defeated five of his opponents in the first primary election, involving county candidates ever held in Kosciusko County, May 7, 1918, and was elected to the office of county clerk November 5, 1918, by an overwhelming majority. Nearly nine years of his life were spent in the employ of the postal department of the government. He resigned this position to engage in business for himself. In 1908 he established The W. F. Butler Company and did an extensive business, through catalogue, with more than 10,000 schools throughout the states and the island possessions. When the United States entered the World's war the business was suspended.

Rev. N. D. Shackelford. A pioneer Methodist minister of Northern Indiana, well remembered by many citizens of Kosciusko County,

the late Rev. Mr. Shackelford prosecuted his unselfish labors in the hearts and better natures of his fellow men and was the type of man whose memory endures because of the thousand acts of kindness and of love which he performed as he went through the world.

A native of Ohio, he was born in Fayette County October 22, 1826. He was reared on a farm and educated in district schools. At the age of nineteen he came with his parents to Wabash County, Indiana, and soon afterwards was converted to Christianity and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. He early decided to dedicate his life to the cause of the Master, and having become an exhorter was ordained to the ministry in 1853 and admitted to the North Indiana Conference. For forty years he was engaged in active ministerial work, and with the exception of three years spent in the Southern Illinois Conference his labors were confined to Northern Indiana. As is the custom of Methodist ministers, he moved from station to station, and there are many communities which have grateful remembrance of his work and influence. He became widely known for his piety and his exalted character.

In 1891 Rev. Mr. Shackelford retired from active ministerial work, but the habits of four decades had become a part of his nature and he never wholly gave up preaching.

On May 2, 1854, he married Mary J. Wilson. She was his helpmate in word and deed and his chief adviser for nearly half a century.

While the late Mr. Shackelford did not acquire wealth in the material sense of the word, he enjoyed the riches of esteem, and passed away happy in his religious faith. His death occurred at Warsaw February 7, 1900. Mrs. Shackelford was born in Ross County, Ohio, October 14, 1832, a daughter of Philip and Sarah (Holiday) Wilson. Her death occurred December 7, 1911.

TIFFIN J. SHACKELFORD, M. D. The spirit of service in Rev. N. D. Shackelford was continued and represented in Kosciusko County many years by his son, the late Dr. Tiffin J. Shackelford, who practiced medicine there over thirty years.

He was born February 12, 1855, while his parents were living in Clinton County, Indiana. He gained his early education in several different localities. He graduated from the Logansport High School, and in 1879, after some preliminary study, he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore and was graduated M. D. in 1882. He served as interne in the Maryland Woman's Hospital and for one year was resident physician of that institution. In the fall of 1883 he became a resident of Warsaw. His standing as a physician and man was the very highest, until his death more than thirty years later. He was always a student of his profession, taking post-graduate courses in New York, Chicago and Baltimore. He was active in those civic, educational and commercial affairs that are most familiar in the city of Warsaw. He served on the County Board of Health for years and as secretary of the City Health Board for several years. He was president and secretary of the County Medi-

cal Society several times, and in 1914 was president of the Thirteenth District Medical Society. He was identified with the Indiana State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, was a Knight of Pythias and past eminent commander of Warsaw Commandery No. 10 of the Knight Templar Masons. He was a director of the Lake City Bank, and at his death was first vice president. In many Indiana households a much prized volume is that entitled "Indiana Writers of Poems and Prose," published in 1902. In this volume, among selections by John Hay, Whitcomb Riley, Charles Major, Lew Wallace and many other noted Indiana authors, there is a poem from the pen of Doctor Shackelford.

June 5, 1902, he married Mrs. Emma Irland, a daughter of John Grabner, a Kosciusko County citizen whose career is briefly referred to in following sketch.

Dr. T. J. Shackelford died November 17, 1915, among his friends of many years' service at Warsaw, Ind. He was busy ministering to the sick up to within a few hours of his death and was stricken while on a duty of his profession. He prized his many friendships and never betrayed the trust of his patrons, all of whom honored him with their confidence.

JOHN GRABNER. For fully half a century, and until his death at the age of fourscore and ten, John Grabner was one of the best known and most valuable citizens of Warsaw.

He was born in Germany November 24, 1827, and was a small boy when brought to America. He came over on a sailing vessel and his youth and early manhood were spent in and around Mansfield, Ohio. He eventually entered the railroad service and for eighteen years had charge of a locomotive either as fireman or engineer.

On moving to Warsaw, Indiana, in 1865, he became a hardware merchant on a small scale. That business continued as part of his enterprises the rest of his life. It became the oldest hardware store under one proprietorship in Kosciusko County. John Grabner was steadily prospered, having that within him which supplemented his untiring industry and enabled him to succeed in all his affairs. He was for many years interested in agriculture, becoming the owner of more than 600 acres in Kosciusko County. Early in the history of the Lake City Bank he became a stockholder, and during his later years was president of that institution.

Though reared in the Roman Catholic religion his spiritual views changed, and for nearly half a century he was identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he was a Mason and a Knight Templar. Politically he was a republican.

C. LEROY LEONARD has for many years played an important role in the business affairs of Silver Lake and surrounding community. He is proprietor of the Leonard Supply Company of that town, and is also one of the prominent stock men of Kosciusko County.

Mr. Leonard was born in Miami County, Indiana, March 6, 1863, a son of Thomas and Mary (Love) Leonard. His father was born in

Henry County, Indiana, and when he was a boy his parents settled at Mexico in Miami County. C. Leroy Leonard spent his boyhood days on a farm not far from Macy, Indiana, and attended the district schools during the winter terms. At the age of nineteen he came to Silver Lake and in April, 1884, at the age of twenty-one, married Clara Bilger, of that town. She was born in Ohio and came to Kosciusko County when a small girl. Mr. Leonard for a number of years was employed by his father-in-law, John Bilger, in the hardware business. During seven years in the store he learned the business in every detail and then for twelve years was a traveling salesman, representing agricultural and harvesting machinery. He also had an interest in a business of his own, but sold that and took up farming and stock business, and later established his present supply house. Mr. Leonard is widely known among the Shorthorn cattle men of the state. He is a member and director in the Fort Wayne District Shorthorn Breeders' Association and president of the Kosciusko County Shorthorn Breeders' Association. He also has some fancy hogs of the big type Poland China breed, his drove of fifty being headed by Murphy's Wonder, one of the finest males of that breed in the country. Mr. Leonard owns 256 acres of land, divided into two farms, one of them known as the Lakewood Farm and the other the Wildare Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard have two daughters: Lela is a graduate of high school and is the wife of Myron E. Murphy, who is acting manager of the Lakewood Farm and owns half the stock interests there. The second daughter, Mina, who graduated from the Silver Lake High School, married Charles Raber, office manager of the Leonard Supply Company.

Mr. Leonard is a republican and for four years was trustee of Lake Township. He is a member of the Masonic blue lodge at Warsaw, also the Royal Arch Chapter, Council and Commandery branches of the lodge. His wife and daughters are active members of the English Lutheran Church, and he is one of the financial supporters of the church. The appellation of which Mr. Leonard is most proud is business man and farmer and the success which he is meeting in business and farming and pure bred stock raising is of great delight to him.

Sarah Roxana Chaplin Wince. Life is a strenuous affair in these modern times, even in Kosciusko County. It is a restful inspiration therefore to review a career of such a woman as Mrs. Wince, who has had her full share of the buffets of fortune both good and ill, and yet has passed the age of fourscore with equanimity undisturbed and with a perfect faith in both the present and the ultimate things. Her home for over eighty years has been in Kosciusko County, and her life in many ways reflects the history of its economic, social and spiritual development.

Mrs. Wince was born February 10, 1838, in a little log cabin on the banks of Eel River near Collamer in Whitley County, Indiana. She was the elder daughter of Stedman Atherton Chaplin and Sarah McQuigg. Her father was born at Baltimore, Windsor County, Vermont, June 2, 1809, and was the oldest son of James Chaplin and Sal-

lie Whitney, both of English ancestry. James Chaplin was a son of David Chaplin. The latter's great-grandfather, whose name was probably also David, came from England about 1690 accompanied by a brother and settled in Massachusetts, probably near Boston, and later in Lunenberg, Worcester County. James Chaplin was born in Lunenberg, July 6, 1778. There were four sons and four daughters in the family of James Chaplin, three of the sons becoming ministers. Joseph Chaplin, the great-uncle of James, served through the Revolutionary war, and one of his brothers in the War of 1812. James Chaplin and Sally Whitney were married about 1808. Sally Whitney's father, John Whitney, was a soldier in the Revolution and served until its close. He again entered his country's service and was stationed on the Oconee River a few miles below Milledgeville, Georgia, from 1793 until 1800. He died April 20, 1800.

Mrs. Wince's mother Sarah McQuigg was born at Spencer, Tioga County, New York, April 2, 1802. Her first American ancestor was John McQuigg, who was born in May, 1706, and died November 29, 1794, in Litchfield, New Hampshire, and was buried at Bedford. He came to America from the north of Ireland in 1740, escaping from a British press gang on the way by jumping from one hogshead into another. He had eight sons, John, Jr., being born on the way over. Four of these sons served in the Revolutionary war, Daniel, John and David and one whose name is not known. One of them died in the old Sugarhouse prison in New York City. John McQuigg, Sr.'s wife was Mildred Lawson, also a native of the north of Ireland and of Scotch ancestry.

John McQuigg, Jr. was twice married. His first wife was Mollie Gilmore, by whom he had one child, John M. McQuigg. His second wife was Sarah Coburn, by whom he had eleven children, five sons and six daughters. John, Jr., served in Captain Philip Putnam's company in the regiment commanded by Colonel Nahum Baldwin of Amherst, New Hampshire, and Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon Hutchins of Concord. The regiment was raised in the latter part of September, 1776, to re-enforce the army in the State of New York. Whether the other brothers who fought in the War of the Revolution were in the same regiment is not known. John McQuigg, Jr., was one of the pioneers of New York, having gone into the Valley of the Susquehanna by way of Otsego Lake, following the old Indian trail to Owego.

His oldest son, John M. McQuigg, born October 19, 1771, in New Hampshire, died August 18, 1812, at Spencer, Tioga County, New York. He married Lucy Lee, daughter of Henry Lee. Henry Lee was a soldier in the Revolution, came home on a furlough, was stricken with the smallpox and died, his wife dying of the same disease. He left three small girls. John M. McQuigg and Lucy Lee were married by a minister named Spaulding. The young couple were invited to a wedding, and after the first pair had been securely tied and had taken their seats, John and Lucy were married, no one being in the secret but the minister. They were the grandparents of Mrs. Wince. Nine children were born to them, the fourth among

whom was Sarah, who married Stedman A. Chaplin. Lucy McQuigg, after the death of her first husband, married a Revolutionary soldier named Michael Burge, who afterwards became a Methodist minister. In that war he was captured by the British and the story is told how he amused himself by picking the graybacks from his clothes, confining them in a quill, and blowing them on to any luckless British officer who came near.

Stedman Chaplin and Sarah McQuigg were married September 24, 1834, in Lawrence County, Tennessee. They remained in Tennessee about two years after their marriage, and then came by way of boat and schooner wagon to Whitley County, Indiana, reaching there just after New Year's, 1836. Their first child, Byron Englebert, was born April 2, 1836. The farm they entered was not far from Collamer and was a lovely place in springtime, being a perfect garden of flowers. The Indians were numerous and quite a party of them, hideously painted stayed one night at the Chaplin home, sleeping on the floor. Stedman Chaplin's father, James Chaplin, had settled on Eel River in 1835. Both the Chaplin families moved to Kosciusko County in the fall of 1838, settling on adjoining farms about two miles south of where Pierceton now stands. Mrs. Wince's second brother Virgil Maro was born in the new home April 24, 1840; her sister Henrietta Susan was born June 7, 1842; and her brother John Willard was born August 18, 1846. Byron died November 11, 1858; John, October 15, 1858; Virgil, July 16. 1891; Henrietta still living, married William Clover, March 12, 1868. He died May 13, 1903. Mrs. Clover has four children, all living.

Roxana Chaplin had that type of mind and heart which absorbs abundantly of the great life around her, whether that life is the woods and the wilderness conditions of her youth, or the life of crowded cities. The joys and sorrows of the home, the beauty of nature, the incidents of school and church, were woven into her very being and transmuted there into that patience, kindliness, charity and poetic fervor which have become her habitual expression and the means by which she has accomplished so many worthy and good things in her community. She was an eager student of poetry when a girl and for years she has written both poetry and prose, and all her writing has been inspired by a purpose to elevate and do good. As a girl she attended the common schools of Washington Township, and for part of one term was in school at Warsaw, and part of another term at Wolf Lake in Noble County. However, a large part of her education was acquired at home under the wise tuition of her father, who was a man of splendid education, a teacher and a minister of the Gospel. Mrs. Wince taught school for many years, has gardened and raised small fruits on a small scale, has marketed both vegetables and fruit in the Town of Pierceton, and this brief statement would account for the external facts of her life. However, the people that know her best care least for these external circumstances, and love her for those deep and intimate attributes which are not capable of description. She has always been a prohibitionist and wrote the first article on prohibition ever published in Kosciusko County. She was

actively identified with the Good Templars in some of those early crusades to overthrow saloons, and has been a member of the Good Templars since the first organization was started at Pierceton. She and her family have always had deep religious experiences, and Mrs. Wince for many years has been identified with the Age to Come Adventists.

On March 13, 1867, at the home of her father in Washington Township she was married to Mr. John L. Wince, a minister and farmer, son of Philip and Martha (Scott) Wince. His father was of German ancestry and his mother was of mingled Scotch, English and Welsh. The Wince family emigrated from Virginia to Ohio when John L., the first child, was a baby. The trip was made in cold November weather by means of a schooner wagon, and the baby cried all the way. From Ohio they moved to Whitley County, Indiana, but not until J. L. Wince had grown to manhood. He was one of ten children. Mr. and Mrs. Wince were one in their faith, their tastes, their aspirations. He too was a writer of verse, and some of his poems were greatly admired and widely copied. He also wrote extensively in prose, and was for many years the pastor of five different churches, and being a man of spotless character, he is still held in fond memory by all who knew him. Mrs. Wince had only one child, a son, born in March, 1872, who died five weeks later, but has brought up two. One, Frances Adella Lenwell, motherless, taken when she was ten years of age, and who grew up to become a beloved and lovely woman.

Miss Lenwell married Christopher Beason for her first husband, by whom she had two sons. She lived with him until her sons were young lads of ten and five years of age, when he became insane and was taken to Longcliff Asylum, where he ultimately died. Mrs. Beason's second husband is a Mr. Cyrus Musselman, still living near Sidney.

A short time after taking Adella Lenwell, Mrs. Wince took Mrs. Henrietta Clover's youngest son, 2½ years old, who had unfortunately been injured by a fall that made it necessary to isolate him from all other children, the fall having brought on epilepsy. He is still with Mrs. Wince, was never cured, is now in his forty-fifth year. Mrs. Wince has mothered nearly a dozen other children at various periods, and has taken into her heart and watched over with tender interest, many, many more. She is "Auntie" to all the children everywhere.

Noble Headlee is proprietor of the Twin Elm Farm of Monroe Township. A farm is known by its products just as a factory is, and the distinguished quality of the productiveness of the Twin Elm Farm is a fine herd of Jersey cattle and O I C hogs. Mr. Headlee, its proprietor, is a widely experienced and thoroughly competent agriculturist, and knows how to get the best out of any given acreage or farm plant. His place consists of eighty acres located 3¼ miles southeast of Pierceton in section 1 of Monroe Township.

Mr. Headlee has an interesting family history. He was born in

Bureau County, Illinois, August 5, 1850, son of Jehu and Diantha (Pratt) Headlee. His great-grandfather, John Headlee, was a Hollander and on coming to the United States settled in North Carolina in 1776, while the Revolutionary war was in progress. He married in that state and spent there the rest of his days. His son, John Headlee, grandfather of Noble, married in North Carolina Elizabeth Long. They then moved to Pennsylvania, lived on a farm, and subsequently moved to what is now Morrow County, Ohio, and were pioneers of that location. After another period of residence in Belmont County, Ohio, the family moved out to Bureau County, Illinois, about 1828. That is one of the earliest years in the annals of what is now one of the richest and most progressive farming communities of Northern Illinois. John Headlee died in that county.

Jehu Headlee was reared in Ohio and Illinois, married in the latter state, and finally moved to Iowa, where he died. He was active as a member and elder of the Disciples Church and in politics was a republican. He and his wife had six children, only two of whom are now living, Hattie and Noble. Hattie is the wife of Capt. T. P. Gray, a clerk in the pension department at Washington, District of Columbia.

Noble Headlee was reared partly in Illinois and partly in Iowa, gaining his education in the common schools. He lived with his father to the age of twenty-one and after that made his own way in the world.

January 1, 1888, he married Susan Leedy, who was born in Richland County, Ohio, April 4, 1853, daughter of David S. and Mary (Tenley) Leedy. When she was a child her parents moved to Whitley County, Indiana, where she grew up and was educated in the public schools. From this locality Mrs. Headlee went to Illinois and was married there. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Headlee, three now living: Eva M., who is the wife of L. C. Faulkner and lives on the Headlee farm, their child, E. M. Faulkner, being the only grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Headlee. Harvey Headlee is now with the Aviation Corps of the United States army. Alle D. is a graduate of the common schools and wife of E. S. Lancaster, living in Michigan. The family are members of the Disciples Church and Mr. Headlee votes his politics independently.

William Polk. In the death of William Polk, which occurred at his home farm in Wayne Township of Kosciusko County on February 21, 1915, a large community in this section of Indiana lost an honored citizen and a tried and true friend and supporter of all that was good in the affairs of human life. He had been for thirty-five years a resident of Kosciusko County.

A native of Pennsylvania, William Polk was born January 25, 1834, a son of John Polk. He was four years of age when his parents moved to Monroeville, Indiana, and they were among the early settlers in that section of Allen County. On the old homestead there William Polk grew up, gained an education in the district schools, and started his independent career as a buyer and seller of lumber

and horses. He sold a great quantity of ties for the equipment of the Pennsylvania Railroad. His later years were spent in the quiet routine of farming.

In 1855 William Polk married Mary S. Van Buskirk. She was born in Ohio September 2, 1837, and died January 14, 1915, just five weeks before the death of her husband. Almost ten years before their death they celebrated the fiftieth anniversary, their golden wedding day.

In 1880 William Polk moved to Kosciusko County, Indiana, and located on the farm where he spent the rest of his life. He and his wife were the parents of five sons: John H., James L., Marcellus D., Franklin P. and George W. These are all still living. John H. and James L. operates the old homestead in Wayne Township. Marcellus D. and Franklin P. reside at Fairmount, Indiana. George W. lives in Warsaw.

There was nothing out of the ordinary in connection with the life of the late William Polk. He was honest, industrious, paid his just debts, commanded the respect of his fellow men and worthily filled the niche in life to which he was allotted. He was first a Presbyterian, but in later years was affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Pleasant Valley. It is such men as William Polk who make up the bone and sinew of any community, state or nation.

George W. Polk, youngest son of the late William Polk, has for several years been one of the successful business men at the county seat. He was born at Monroeville in Allen County, Indiana, February 2, 1878, and has lived in Kosciusko County since he was two years of age. As a boy he attended district schools and spent one term in the Normal School at Warsaw. Though he received a teacher's license he never taught a term of school. Though all his early experiences were associated with the farm, farming did not appeal to him as a permanent vocation, and since early youth he has been identified with some line of active enterprise. For a short time he was in the livery business at Pierceton. Then for a few years he was connected with S. B. Whittenberger, who had stores both at Claypool and Warsaw. In 1902 Mr. Polk established a buggy and harness store in Warsaw, starting on a very modest scale. He is the proprietor of a garage and is the distributing agent for the Buick, Miller and Ford cars and is also engaged in buying and selling live stock. Anything he undertakes he carries through with a purpose and energy that brings results.

Mr. Polk married Neul J. Huffer. They are the parents of two children: Lawrence and Norman. Mr. Polk is affiliated with the Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Travelers Protective Association.

M. Lafayette Van Dorn is one of the intelligent and progressive farmers of Seward Township, and is a native of this county. Success has come to him as a reward of long continued and well directed effort. He did not begin life with a fortune and was content with

his inheritance of honesty and the qualities of thrift and industry which are after all more to be desired than money.

His family record might well be used as a text for sermons on the value of righteous and simple living. They have been in this country for a number of generations and every generation shows strong men and strong women, nearly all of them blessed with great physical strength and many attained ripe age. Mr. Van Dorn's great-grandfather, named William Van Dorn, was a native of New Jersey, and lived to be ninety years old. His grandfather was also named William, was a native of New Jersey, and lived to be eighty-nine years old.

Myron B. Van Dorn, father of M. Lafayette Van Dorn, was born in Ohio and lived to be almost eighty-eight. He was the eighth child in a family of twelve, named in order of age as follows: William, who was born in New Jersey; Polly; Lizzie; Patty; Sallie; Nathaniel, who is now living in his ninety-ninth year at Stromsburg, Nebraska; Nicholas; Myron B.; Philo; Melissa; Nelson and Freedom.

Myron B. Van Dorn married in Ohio Elizabeth Teel, also a native of that state. Shortly after their marriage they came to Indiana, seeking a new home, with most of their possessions on a wagon and with a single cow following behind. They were thirteen days in making the journey. Their first home was near Sevastopol, where Myron B. Van Dorn leased forty acres and began the work of clearing. He was a man of great physical vigor and had a reputation in the early days as a champion rail splitter, and many feats of great physical strength are remembered by his children and others. There was great need for such strength in pioneer times when the principal industry was clearing farms, making rails, and building log cabins. He was always a hand in great demand at the log rollings, then so common. On one of these occasions he was appointed captain on one side while a champion wrestler of the neighborhood was captain of the other side. The captains divided the hands by choice, alternately. A yoke of oxen was given to the wrestler and his men to aid them in their work. Myron Van Dorn and his men worked without a team. The clearing was divided and the contest began. When it was finished the honors were all with the Van Dorn team. The other captain was not satisfied with this defeat and consequently challenged his rival to wrestle. Myron Van Dorn was loth to do this, but after a continued banter for some time accepted the challenge and again won. At another time his brother Philo Van Dorn was a hand in a log rolling where four men were trying to lift a log, two men at each end. Two had succeeded in raising their end, but the other two were unable to lift theirs from the ground. Philo then ordered the men to step aside, and he alone picked up the end and carried it to the log heap quite easily. The few old settlers who are alive and who were acquainted with him will recall many other facts to substantiate his remarkable strength.

Myron B. Van Dorn never had any school privileges, all his instruction having been gathered in one short term. When he had grown to young manhood he became a member of a singing school,

and at that time was unable to read. Singing with the class, he soon committed the songs to memory. He immediately began to associate the spelling of the words of the songs with the spelling of other words, and in this manner his knowledge in reading broadened until he became quite proficient. He was also a good Bible student and well versed in its doctrines. In oral arithmetic he stood above the average, and frequently aided his children in developing mathematical problems in their early school work. He often said to his son Lafayette that he knew what it meant to be uneducated, and was determined to do all he could to give his children appropriate advantages. Even at that time the terms of the public schools were very short, and though Myron Van Dorn had no more money than the other settlers in a time when currency was seldom seen, he was not satisfied with the short terms of the public schools and he willingly co-operated with his neighbors to hire a teacher for a few months' term in addition to the regular term afforded by taxation. He was willing to go to any reasonable sacrifice in order to attain his high ideals of giving his children a worthy preparation for life. No one appreciates these sacrifices and the value of them more than Mr. Lafayette Van Dorn.

After several years on his first farm above noted Myron Van Dorn moved to where the Village of Burket now is and bought land now included in the Isaac Hire farm. That land he also cleared up, sold, and then bought fifty acres near Burket, where he had his home until his death. This land was also in its virgin state, with an abundance of prime beech, sugar, ash, oak, poplar and walnut timber. He cleared a small spot, built a log cabin, moved in and immediately began vigorously swinging the axe to clear away the rest of the woods. Timber at that time was of little value, and there was seldom a market for it at any price. Mr. Lafayette Van Dorn recalls his father selling eight large walnut trees for $7. At another time he traded for ten bushels of corn one large walnut tree, about five feet in diameter at the stump. It made five logs, each twelve feet long, up to the first limb. Afterwards the tree was found to be curley, making a wood especially prized in fine cabinet work. Such a tree today would be worth a small fortune. Much of this fine timber was made into rails and the farm was fenced into fields containing about four acres each. All the timber not needed for such purposes or for fuel and which could not be sold was piled into heaps and burned. In this way he proceeded until the farm was all cleared and in a state of good cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Van Dorn were members of the same church. In pioneer times the building in which they met to worship consisted of a school house over six miles distant. Later on the members of this congregation and people of the vicinity erected a country church building, known as the Christian Church at Sycamore, this building received its name from a large sycamore tree that stood near. Mr. and Mrs. Van Dorn retained their membership with this congregation until death.

M. Lafayette Van Dorn was born at his father's home in Kosciusko County April 20, 1852. He was one of six children, four of

whom are still living. The two deceased were named Marion and James. The four living are: M. Lafayette; Hiram M., living near Burket; Margaret D., wife of Leonadus H. Alexander, of the Burket community; and Noah L., whose home is also near Burket.

M. Lafayette Van Dorn has many interesting memories of his own boyhood and recollections that indicate many of the hardships his parents endured. He has seen his father grate corn for meal for bread, flail his wheat by hand, and he was an expert at cradling grain. His mother would take the wool that came from the sheep, wash and pick it, and after it was carded into rolls, spin it into yarn and color it, and when woven into cloth she would cut and make it into clothing for the family, doing all the work by hand in the old fashioned ways, using only shears, needle and thread to do all the sewing. She would bake bread in a cast, perhaps the word cast-iron would be better, oven by raking some of the live coals to the front of the rude old fireplace, then put the oven on this bed of coals and cover the lid with other coals.

Mr. Van Dorn recalls how his father would take the mother and himself and his brother Hiram in a cart drawn by a yoke of oxen and drive six miles to his grandfather Teels, his father walking all the way to drive the oxen. The team would then be left at the Teel home and father and mother would walk a mile through the woods to church. At other times they would make the entire journey on foot and the boys would be carried alternately on their fathers shoulders. Myron Van Dorn was a member of the Christian Church and very strict in the observance of his religious responsibilities. In politics he was a democrat.

M. Lafayette Van Dorn grew up in Seward Township, and started to school when about eight years old. He remembers many incidents of that first term. It was taught in an old log school house situated in a dense woods just a few rods north of the present graded and high school building in Burket. The roads to this old schoolhouse consisted principally of footpaths through the forest. At that time and for several years afterwards the Van Dorn family used tallow candles and lard lamps for light. Mr. Van Dorn himself used such lights and sometimes studied his lessons and read by the light furnished from the rude old fireplace. Despite the meagerness of these early advantages he qualified and became a very competent teacher, a profession he followed for about twenty years, and taught in a number of district schools and also in the schools of Burket Village.

In growing to manhood he shared many of the pioneer hardships with his parents, especially on the last farm of fifty acres which his father bought. This farm he helped to clear and improved until he left the parental home, at which time he was near twenty-four years old. During the last few years of his life he has not been so actively engaged in farm work as formerly.

When the Town of Burket was laid out he bought two lots, on which he built a house and moved into it. At first much of his time when he was not teaching was occupied in the stores at this place

and he at one time spent about four months in Chicago. Later on the court appointed him trustee of the George Miller estate, consisting of 169 acres, which he superintended until the old gentleman's death, after which he settled up the estate. Mr. Van Dorn then bought a farm, and in connection with the management of this farm he and his wife operated the People's Mutual Telephone Company's Exchange at Burket, also collected rent for the same, using one room of their home for the office. This work they continued for over twelve years, until the death of the wife. A few months after her death Mr. Van Dorn discontinued the work of this office and it was moved from his home. Since that time he has been living alone and directing his attention to his home and farm.

July 4, 1875, Mr. Van Dorn married Maggie Everly. She was born in this county and was educated in the common schools. When she was only fourteen years old she taught her first term of school and continued that work for some years. Mr. and Mrs. Van Dorn lived on a farm and cultivated it during the summer and during the winter he did his work as a teacher. Two children were born to their marriage. Ollie is the wife of Emmett Benton, who is a railway employe living at Elkhart, Indiana; Effie, the second daughter, now deceased, married Robert Eaton. Mr. Van Dorn lost his good wife and companion by death May 15, 1914. She was a devout member of the Christian Church.

Mr. Van Dorn owns a farm of ninety acres and is also a stockholder in the elevator at Burket. He is affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men and the Modern Woodmen of America and in politics is a democrat. He served two terms as justice of the peace. He is a member of the Christian Church.

Hon. Jesse E. Eschbach. Here is a name that bespeaks a large relationship and many prominent associations with affairs in Kosciusko County during the past sixty years. Members of the family have been loyal soldiers and loyal citizens in whatever position duty has called them, and there is no name entitled to greater respect in Kosciusko County.

The late Aaron F. Eschbach, who died October 28, 1913, was a well known merchant in Warsaw for thirty years, and prior to that had been a farmer. He was born at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, January 19, 1838, a son of Tobias and Catherine Eschbach. When a boy he came to Indiana with his parents, who first located in Huntington, and from there the family in 1857 moved to Kosciusko County and established their home on a farm south of Warsaw. Aaron F. Eschbach went out to Kosciusko County to give his service to the Union during the latter months of the Civil war. He was enrolled in Company G of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Regiment of Indiana Infantry on February 11, 1864, and received his honorable discharge August 29, 1865, several months after the close of actual hostilities. At the time of his muster out he was a sergeant. He married Sarah A. Knox, and they are the parents of six children, four of whom are still living.

Jesse E. Eschbach who for a number of years has been one of the leading members of the Warsaw bar and has made a notable record in public life, particularly as a legislator, was born at Warsaw July 23, 1876, a son of Aaron F. and Sarah A. (Knox) Eschbach. His boyhood was spent in his native city, and in 1892 he graduated from the Warsaw High School, completed a literary course in Otterbein University in 1896, and for a number of years before taking up his legal career was a successful teacher. He was superintendent of the Silver Lake High School four years, and altogether a teacher in Kosciusko County for six years. Mr. Eschbach graduated from Northwestern Law School at Chicago in 1903, and in April, 1907, began active practice at Warsaw. He has since built up a splendid private practice, though much of his time has been required by his duties as a legislator.

Mr. Eschbach served as a member of the Sixty-fifth, Sixty-sixth, Sixty-seventh, Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth General assemblies and was a member of the Special Session in September, 1908. He was republican leader in the House of Representatives during the Sixty-seventh, Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth assemblies. He was chairman of the committee of labor in the Sixty-fifth Assembly and a member of the ways and means committee in the Sixty-sixth, Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth assemblies. One fact which indicates his popularity and hold upon the confidence of his fellow citizens is that in 1906 he was the only republican elected on his ticket during the democratic landslide of that year. His name is also associated with much beneficial legislation. He was author of the drainage law of the State of Indiana, which was passed in 1907, and was also author of a number of acts for the protection of the inmates of the state institutions. He also brought about changes in laws providing for the qualifications of teachers in the public schools and the regulations for the common and high school system of the state. Mr. Eschbach is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Joseph Schoonover Baker, who among other distinctions is an honored survivor of the Civil war, in which he fought as a Union soldier, has been a prominent resident of Kosciusko County for many years and is well known over this and other counties in the real estate business.

He was born in Hancock County, Ohio, September 8, 1838, son of Isaac and Rebecca (Schoonover) Baker, the former a native of Rockingham County, Virginia, and the latter of Fairfield County, Ohio. His father was of German ancestry and his mother of Holland. Isaac Baker was a farmer, an old-line whig in politics and a member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Baker lived on a farm until he was eighteen years old, and in the meantime acquired a common school education. He was still in the flush of young manhood when in October, 1861, he enlisted in Company E of the Twelfth Indiana Infantry as a private. After his military service he became a commercial traveling salesman and

was on the road almost constantly until 1878, when he was elected county auditor of Kosciusko County. The efficiency with which he performed his duties is testified to by the fact that his constituents kept him in office steadily for eight years. For the past twenty years Mr. Baker has been associated with the Straus Brothers Company of Ligonier, Indiana, the largest dealers in improved farms in the United States.

Mr. Baker has always been a republican, but never sought any important office except that of county auditor. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for sixty-seven years and has held some official post in his home church for over sixty years. He was a delegate from the North Indiana Conference to the General Conference of the church at New York in 1888. His affiliation with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is almost as long and continuous as that with the Methodist Church. He has been a member for sixty years and has filled all the offices in the local lodge. He has been a Mason for half a century, and a Knight Templar for over forty years, also a member of the Scottish Rite.

On November 23, 1862, at Warsaw, Mr. Baker married Angeline Runyan, of Irish ancestry. She is a daughter of Peter L. and Mary (Ervin) Runyan. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have three children, all born in Warsaw: George Bramwell, the only son, is now a banker at Boston, Massachusetts, Blanche is a kindergarten teacher, and Ethel G. is assistant in the Public Library at South Bend, Indiana.

Lemuel W. Royse, supervising editor of this history of Kosciusko County, was born near Pierceton, this county, in 1847. Much of his knowledge of pioneer history was derived from his father, who was one of the first settlers.

His father, George W. A. Royse, a native of New Hampshire, came to Kosciusko County in 1835. He was a blacksmith by trade, but had previously been ordained a Methodist minister and had been an Ohio circuit rider. He officiated as local minister in several of the early Methodist churches in Kosciusko County. He also taught school, being one of the first teachers in the county. He was also for many years a justice of the peace in Turkey Creek Township. He was a whig and later one of the first adherents of the republican party in this county. His death occurred at Larwill, Whitley County, in April, 1859, at the age of fifty-seven. The maiden name of his wife was Nancy Choplin, who was born near the old Bennington battlefield in Vermont. She and her husband were married in Wood County, Ohio, and she spent her last years with her son at Warsaw.

Lemuel W. Royse was twelve years old when his father died, and after that he lived with a Kosciusko County farmer and worked for his board to the age of sixteen. He then contributed his support to his widowed mother and acquired his education in the intervals of employment and with considerable difficulty. At the age of eighteen he began teaching, and continued alternately to teach winter terms and work on farms for about eight years. Such leisure as he had from this strenuous employment he used to study law, and in the spring of

1872 entered the office of Frazer & Encell at Warsaw. He was admitted to the bar at Warsaw in September, 1873, and began his practice at the county seat the following year. Mr. Royse has thus had a continuous association with the Kosciusko county bar for forty-five years.

In 1876 he was elected prosecuting attorney for the thirty-third circuit and served two years. He was chosen mayor of Warsaw in 1885, and held this office for six years following. He was elected to Congress for the Thirteenth District of Indiana in 1894, and again in 1896. Under an appointment from the governor he served as judge of the Kosciusko Circuit Court of Indiana from February, 1904, until November, 1908. Under the selective draft law he served as a member of District Board No. 2 of Indiana until the close of the war. He is a republican and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Red Men and the Elks.

July 10, 1883, at Hillsdale, Michigan, he married Miss Belle McIntyre.

LOMAN A. IDEN. The record of farm owners and cultivators, good citizens and upbuilders of the community in Etna Township carries the name of Iden prominently, since that family has been here for over half a century and its members have always been people of consequence. The experience of Mr. Loman A. Iden has been largely along the line of farming, but his home is in Etna Green.

He was born in Carroll County, Ohio, January 27, 1854, a son of Washington and Elizabeth (Heston) Iden. His father was a native of Virginia and settled in Ohio in early days, and in 1864 moved to Indiana and located north of Etna Green. He later sold his farm there and bought another tract of land to the north, eventually sharing this farm of a hundred and seventy acres with his children. He finally acquired eighty acres in the same locality, and there spent the rest of his life. He was a hard working citizen, and was greatly prospered in all his undertakings. His wife was a greatly beloved woman in the community, and attained the great age of ninety-three. They were members of the Christian Church and he served as an elder. In politics he was a republican, and for many years he was township assessor. Of the ten children of the parents, seven are still living.

The eighth in order of birth, Loman A. Iden, had a farm training and was educated in the district schools. In September, 1884, he married Miss Tena Shively, daughter of Daniel B. and Hannah (Slabaugh) Shively. Her parents were both born in Ohio, but came to Kosciusko County when young. Her mother's people died in Ohio and Mrs. Shively was reared by an uncle. Daniel B. Shively after his marriage settled on a farm in Marshall County. Mrs. Iden was educated in the district schools.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Iden settled in Etna Township, and their labors have been rewarded with a good farm of sixty-seven acres. Eleven years ago they moved to the Village of Etna Green, and among other interests Mr. Iden is a stockholder in the Mutual Telephone Company.

They have two sons. Chester, a graduate of the common schools and the business course of Valparaiso University, is bookkeeper for a large wholesale house at Las Vegas, New Mexico. The son Earl, who perfected himself as a stenographer, afterwards studied law and was a Federal Court reporter at Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is now an attorney at Roswell in that state, and is doing a large business in his profession.

Mr. and Mrs. Iden are members of the Christian Church, and in politics he is a republican.

JOHN D. WIDAMAN. Those older citizens of the county seat at Warsaw whose memories go back to a period between thirty-five and forty years ago can recall John D. Widaman as a poor and struggling young lawyer, who was not ashamed of any honorable occupation in order to make ends meet, and who at that time occupied a place of comparative obscurity among the many brilliant lights composing the Kosciusko County bar. It would be ungrateful to recall these facts had not Mr. Widaman overcome the obstacles in his path at that time. To the present generation he is known only as a very successful and able lawyer, a man who has identified himself with many of the business and civic institutions of Warsaw, and whose position and standing in the community are above question.

Coming of substantial German lineage, he was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1851. Michael Widaman, his father, was the son of a German count. This count was reared to enter the Catholic priesthood, but instead embarked upon a military career. He fought with the troops of the German Empire in many campaigns until he lost an arm. He finally went to Paris, conducted a military school there for a time, and thence emigrated to America. After his marriage he located in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and became a minister of the Lutheran faith. His death occurred in 1835. Michael Widaman was a native of Pennsylvania and married Catherine Miller. Through her the Warsaw attorney is directly descended from soldiers who bore a conspicuous part in the American Revolution.

John D. Widaman had a comfortable home and opportunities for a liberal education. After the common schools he finished the course in Mount Union College in Ohio, and his father offered to defray the expenses of a theological training. However, he had already made up his mind that his profession should be that of the law, and he declined to accept further aid from his father, and thenceforward paid his own way. While still under age he secured a certificate and began teaching school. He followed that occupation for three years, and used all his leisure intervals to read Blackstone and other legal authorities. He was not yet a qualified lawyer when on October 1, 1875, he came to Warsaw, Indiana. For a time he read law in the office of W. S. Marshall, uncle of Thomas R. Marshall, now vice-president of the United States. It is an interesting fact that Thomas R. Marshall had only shortly before completed his legal studies under W. S. Marshall and had gone to Columbia City, Indiana, to start his career towards eminence.

On November 29, 1875, only a few weeks after his arrival in Warsaw, Mr. Widaman married Estella, the only child of Allen and Lucinda Saine. His struggles to obtain a living share of practice at a bar then famous for brilliant members were both long and disheartening, and he oftentimes wondered if he could raise means to meet the next week's living obligations. Through his preceptor, Mr. Marshall, and others he was frequently employed to transact minor matters connected with the law, and in this way he managed to make a living. At one time Sheriff O. P. Jaques appointed him bailiff, and by carrying wood upstairs to the court room and performing similar menial duties he managed to eke out an existence. Such was the early career of one who is now among the most prosperous men of Kosciusko County and conceded a position among Indiana's ablest lawyers.

In politics Mr. Widaman is a republican and in Masonry he has attained all the degrees of the Scottish Rite except the thirty-third. Mr. Widaman was one of the prime movers in the organization of the Indiana Loan & Trust Company at Warsaw in 1899, and ever since its beginning has been president. He is materially interested in various other enterprises closely connected with the commercial prosperity of Warsaw, but is most widely known as a wise counselor, a superior lawyer, and one frequently mentioned as the leader of the local bar.

A. L. SELLERS, one of the farmers of high standing in Monroe Township, owns and occupies the old homestead that was established by the Sellers family here in pioneer times. This farm is three miles north of Sidney in Monroe Township.

Mr. Sellers was born here April 14, 1875, son of F. P. and Mary M. (Tillman) Sellers. The parents were both natives of Ohio. The father died in 1905, at the age of eighty-one and the mother is still living at that age. Of their ten children eight are still living: O. G. Sellers, of Grenola, Kansas; M. H. Sellers, of Pierceton, Indiana; Isadora, wife of Leandro Pottenger; C. H. Sellers, of Bourbon, Indiana; M. W., of Brant, Michigan; Lenna, wife of Frank Brown, of Claypool; and Everett E., of Bourbon.

Mr. A. L. Sellers grew up on the farm he now owns and besides the advantages of the common schools attended the high school at Pierceton and was given a license to teach, though he never used it. Since early manhood all his energies have been absorbed in farming.

February 5, 1899, he married Miss Grace Hoaglund, who was born in Monroe Township, daughter of J. R. and Barbara (Faulkner) Hoaglund. Mrs. Sellers was educated in the common and high schools. After their marriage they lived on a farm north of Warsaw for eleven years, but then sold and bought eighty acres of the old Sellers homestead, and later he bought another eighty acres, giving them a well balanced and productive farm of 160 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Sellers have two children, Clifford L., born May 29, 1900, a graduate of the Sidney High School in 1918; and Dula H., born September 21, 1913. The family are members of the Brethren Church,

and Mr. Sellers is a deacon and is superintendent of its Sunday school. Politically he is a republican.

WILLIAM H. MASTON has been a resident of Kosciusko County forty years, and is a citizen looked up to as a most successful and substantial farmer in Washington Township and one who can be depended upon for co-operation in every wholesome and worthy public movement. His farm of 180 acres in section 14 of that township is situated on rural route No. 3 out of Pierceton.

Mr. Maston was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, April 23, 1852, son of John and Margaret (Meredith) Maston, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. The father moved from Virginia to Coshocton County in early days, married there, lived on a small farm in the county until 1862, when he sold out and moved to Whitley County, Indiana. After farming there for a year he sold and went further west to Cass County, Illinois, but not liking that location returned to Coshocton County, and from there came in 1875 to Kosciusko County. In this county the father bought 160 acres, and occupied it as a farm until 1888. He then bought sixty acres in Whitley County and he and his wife spent their last years there. His wife was a member of the Baptist Church and in politics he voted as a democrat. They had ten children, eight of whom are still living: John W., William H., Marion H., Eliza, Aaron B., Ida, Jesse L. and Rosa B.

William H. Maston was reared in Ohio chiefly, gained his education in the district schools there, but has lived in Kosciusko County since he was about twenty-two years of age. He married for his first wife Barbara Heffelfinger. One of their children died in infancy, Flora B. is also deceased, and the only one now living is Minnie A., wife of Noah E. Block. For his second wife Mr. Maston married Margaret Fulbright, who died childless. His third wife was Mary E. Cross, and by that marriage there were two children: Maude M., wife of John J. Wolfe; and John F., who died at the age of eight years. For his next wife Mr. Maston married Maria Galbreath, whose only child, Loren, is a graduate of the Columbia City High School, graduated in law from Valparaiso University, and in 1916 was admitted to the bar of Kosciusko County and is now located in practice at Freedom, Pennsylvania. For his present wife Mr. Maston married Emma J. Bennett. In politics he is independent.

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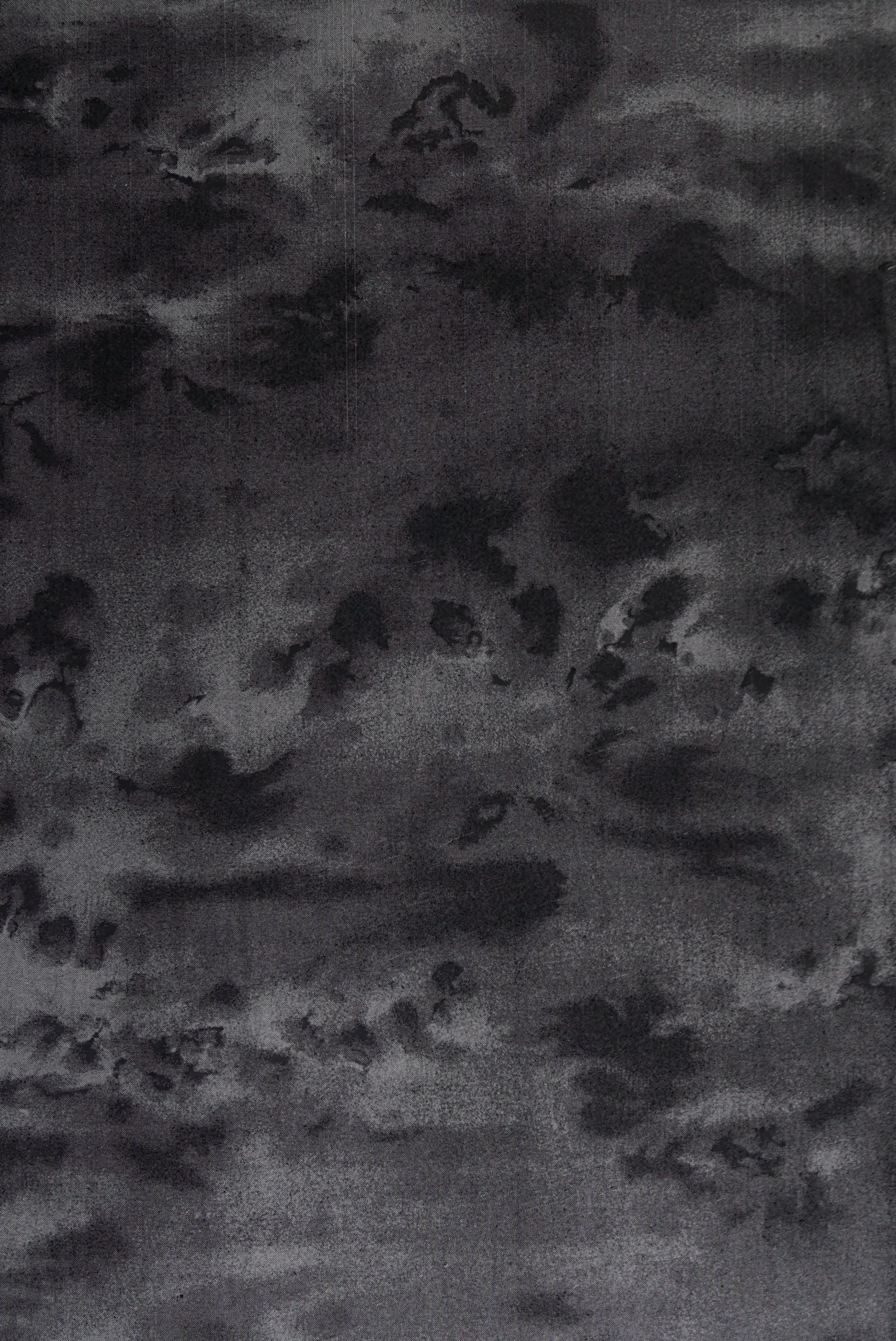

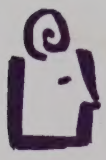

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